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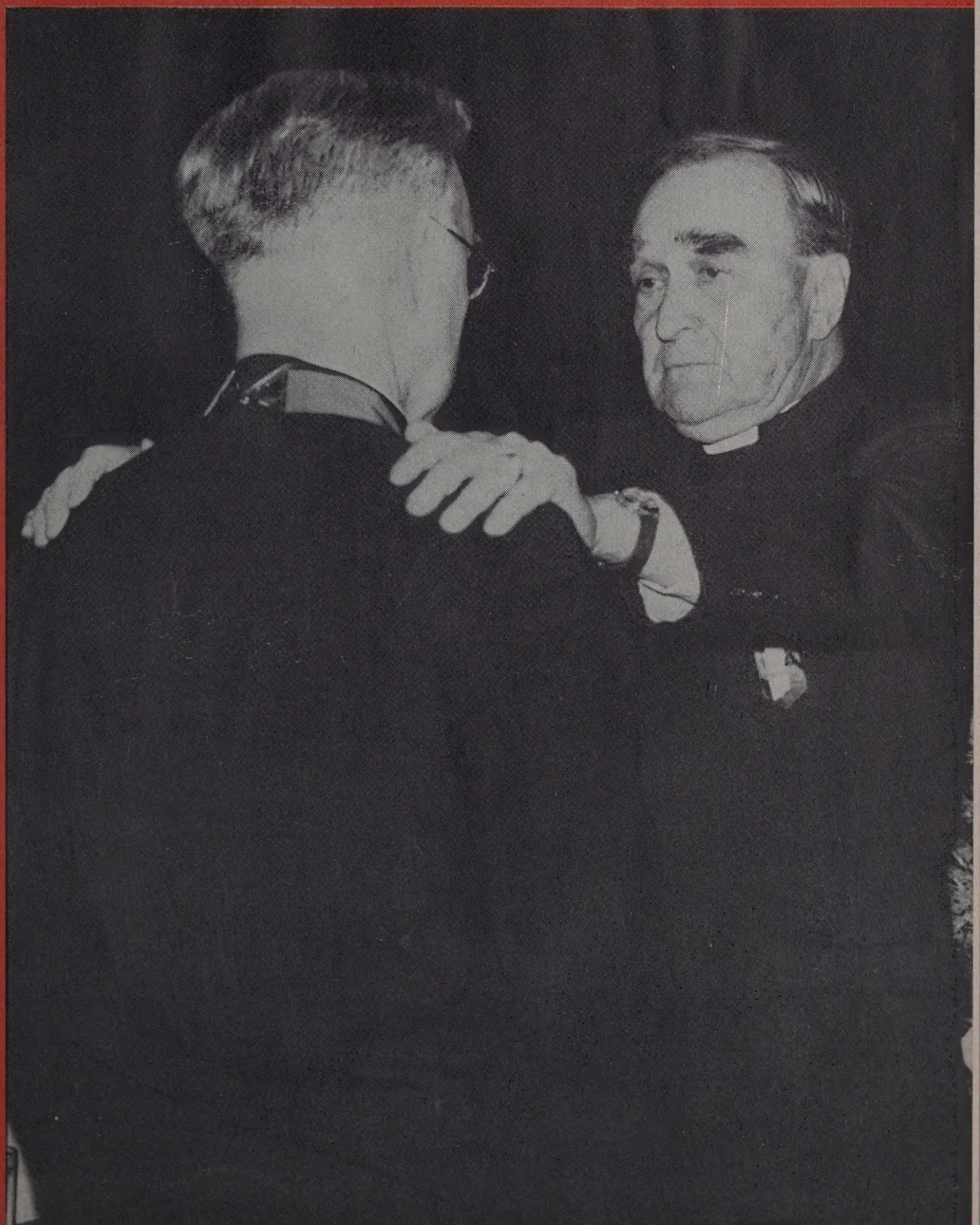

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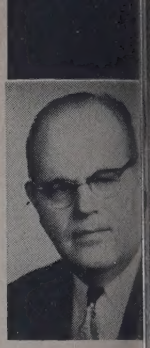

Harold E. Westerhoff

While the glamor and romance of the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, just completed in Sydney, Australia, was to be found in the great mass meetings, the face-to-face encounters of delegates from all parts of the world, the kaleidoscopic schedule of activities, and the many-faceted program for all participants, there was a seldom-seen aspect of the convention which was truly significant.

In intense sessions scattered throughout the convention days, officers of the World's Union, together with official representatives of national and international unions, were meeting in official statutory meetings, transacting the business of organized world-wide Christian Endeavor. Legal meetings of the Corporation and the Council took place in Fellowship House and in Bible House, in downtown Sydney. Dealing with matters of extreme importance to the future of World Christian Endeavor, including the election of officers for 1962-66, these meetings were presided over by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, retiring president.

The most significant change in executive leadership in thirty-five years took place when Bishop Clyde W. Meadows (U.S.A.) was elected to succeed Dr. Daniel A. Poling as president. Dr. Poling had given irrevocable notice that his successor must be chosen at Sydney. Without opposition, the official meetings unanimously selected Bishop Meadows for the high office of president of the World's Union.

For reasons of health, Dr. James Kelly (Scotland) requested that he not be continued in the office of vice-president where he has served long and ably. By acclamation the official meetings named Dr. Poling Honorary President for Life and Dr. Kelly Honorary Vice-President for Life. Mr. Norman Klauder, vice-president of the International Society, served as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Concurrently with Bishop Meadows' coming into the office of president, the World's Union entered into a new era in its history as it relates to structure and organization. Appointed in Frankfurt in 1958, the Reorganization Committee made its final report in Sydney. Its report, adopted by the official meetings, climaxed a dozen years of painstakingly working together to develop a new set of Bylaws governing the operations of the World's Union.

The Committee was commissioned to review proposals from the Bournemo Conference (1948), the London C vention (1950), and the Frankfurt C vention (1958), and to develop le changes in the Bylaws of the Wor Union to make them more adequat meet the contemporary scene and satisfy the present-day needs of wor wide Christian Endeavor.

Direction was given to the execut officers to develop a visitation progr of national and international leaders, prepare an up-to-date history of Ch tian Endeavor, and to encourage an change of literature on a world-w scale.

Significant too was the action to t the 15th World's Christian Endea Convention to Belfast, Northern Irela July 27-31, 1966. The invitation of Irish Union was enthusiastically receiv and promptly accepted.

The sense of satisfaction and gratitu for a momentous and meaningful c vention in Sydney is matched only our looking forward to Belfast in 19 with great expectancy.

We thank God for His abundant ble ings of the past and commend to H the future of the work of the Worl Christian Endeavor Union.

November Notes

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

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Contact: Claudean Eddington, 320 South 24th Street, Louisiana

15—Deadline for orders for the 1963 Outdoor Poster Program
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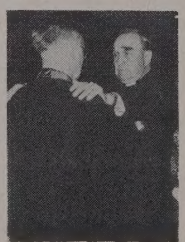
COVER CLUES

It was a high moment indeed when Dr. Daniel A. Poling, for 35 years president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, transferred the President's Chain to the newly-elected president, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, at the closing session of the World's Convention



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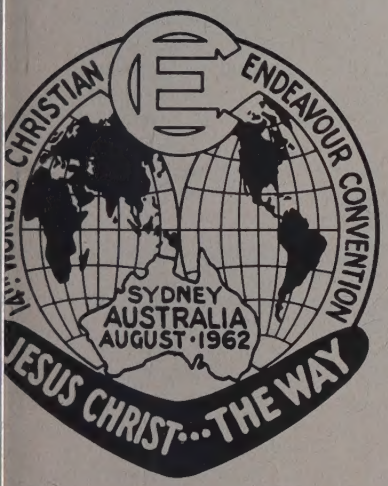

is special design was used for the ique badges at the World's Con- ntion.

"This 14th World's Convention has demonstrated again the fact that Christian Endeavor is unrivaled as the world's ecumenical youth movement," Dr. Daniel A. Poling stated emphatically, following sessions of this organization in Sydney, Australia, August 16-21. Dr. Poling retired as president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union after 35 years service.

"Representing as it does more than fifty nations or island groups," Dr. Poling continued, "it is interracial, international, and of all races, colors, and tongues. Its unity is in Jesus Christ alone."

The newly-elected president of the World's Union, installed for the 1962-66 term of office by Dr. Poling during closing convention sessions, is Bishop Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He is the third president since the formation of the union in 1895. The first president was Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder of the movement, who served until his death in 1927.

Other officers elected for the 1962-66 term are: Vice-Presidents Kojiro Hata (Japan), Rev. Andrew Wright (England), George H. Nelson (Australia), Rev. Arno Pagel (Germany), and Rev. E. Tychicus (India); General Secretary (with special responsibility for Area I) and Assistant Treasurer, Harold E. Westerhoff (Columbus, Ohio); General Secretary, Area II, William J. Sharpe (England); and Treasurer, Norman Klauder (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

In recognition of his long service, Dr. Daniel A. Poling was named Honorary President for Life. Dr. James Kelly of Scotland, another long-time leader of the movement, was named Honorary Vice-President for Life. Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan (Washington, D.C.) continues as Honorary Field Secretary. Auditor is William J. von Minden (Saddle River, New Jersey). Treasurer for Area II is F. Arthur Sheldon (England).

The Board of Trustees includes all those named (except the Auditor) plus the following: Albert Arend (Spokane, Washington), Frances M. Becker (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), Dr. Allan J. Blair (Passaic, New Jersey), Dr. Earle W. Gates (Derby, New York), A. Lindsay Glegg (England), James Murdoch (Scotland), Alan J. Ramsey (England), Rev. J. Wesley Siebert (Elmira, Ontario, Canada), and Douglas B. White (England).

Those elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Bishop Meadows, Mr. Westerhoff, Mr. Klauder, Mr. Sharpe, Dr. Blair, Mrs. Bryan, Dr. Poling, and Mr. Pagel.

Officers were installed by Dr. Daniel A. Poling at the closing convention session August 21. After the Roll Call of Nations and the traditional ceremony

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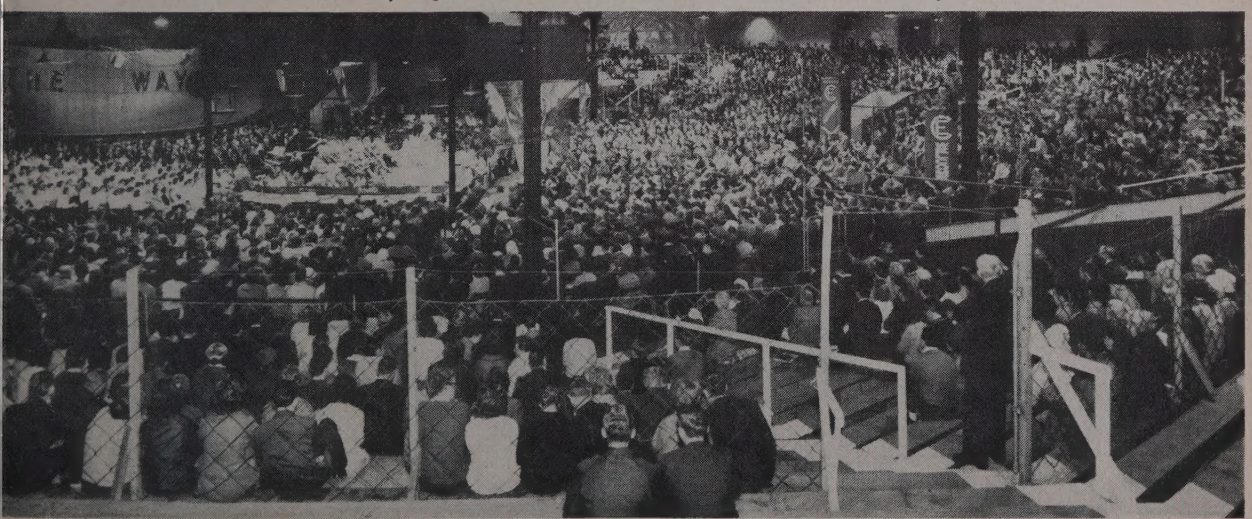
Part of the Saturday night crowd of 8,000 which filled Rushcutters Bay Stadium.



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of changing of the flags, Dr. Poling installed the newly-elected officers and transferred the President's Chain to Bishop Meadows, who gave the final convention message.

In speaking of the convention theme "Jesus Christ . . . the Way" Bishop Meadows indicated that it seemed to express "not only the feeling of the speakers and delegates but their deep conviction, and was maintained as the real answer to world problems, as well as those of the individual, in session after session. This is bound to make a profound impression and deep impact on the whole world, with delegates from many different countries present."

Bishop Meadows also commented that "the careful planning and faithful administration of the very complicated schedule of meetings, scores of discussion groups, banquets, and teas, on the part of the local committee was a demonstration of real efficiency and devotion. The friendliness and cordiality of the Australian people, both official and otherwise, was most heart-warming. It made many of us feel we certainly want to come again."

New officers of the World's Union installed by Dr. Poling at the closing session in addition to President Meadows, were (left to right) Rev. Arno Pagel, Georg Nelson, Norman Klauder, William J. Sharpe, and Harold E. Westerhoff.

Bishop Meadows is currently serving as president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, which includes the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In 1961 he was elected as one of the two Bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and assigned to the East District. From 1928 to 1961 he was pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg.

He is a graduate of the Gettysburg (Pennsylvania) Lutheran Seminary, from which he holds a B.D. and S.T.M. degree. In 1940 he was given an hon orary degree of Doctor of Divinity b Huntington College, Huntington, In diana, the college from which he grad uated in 1925 with an A.B. degree. H was ordained in the Church of th United Brethren in Christ.

Bishop Meadows has traveled thou sands of miles for Christian Endeavo and participated in numerous Interna tional Society conventions and confer ences and in World Conventions in Lon don, England; Washington, D. C., an Frankfurt, Germany, and the Area Conference in Mexico City.

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL A. POLING

By Dr. James Kelly

Glasgow, Scotland

Vice-President for Life
World's Christian Endeavor Union

Leaders from around the world participated in the International Farewell Dinner honoring Dr. and Mrs. Poling. George H. Nelson (left) was speaker; Norman Klauder (right) presided. Dr. Poling holds an attractive plaque presented on behalf of Endeavorers around the world.

I first came to know Dr. Daniel A. Poling at the International Christian En deavor Convention held in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., in the summer of 1925. A that convention Dr. Francis E. Clark resigned from the presidency of the Unite Society of Christian Endeavor, as it was then called, and installed Dr. Poling a his successor. I was a speaker at the convention as president of the Europea Union. In 1927, shortly after the death of Dr. Clark, Dr. Poling became presider of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. For nearly forty years Dr. Poling an I have had close and intimate fellowship in Christian Endeavor service. We hav companied together in many lands, especially in America.

Without doubt, Dr. Poling has been, and still is, one of the great youth leader of the Christian Church throughout the world. He is a patriotic American citizer and justly proud of his race and its traditions, but he has nevertheless been citizen of the world. He has traveled extensively in the interest of Christian En deavor, and other good causes, and like St. Paul, labored much and was in jour neyings often.

During the Second World War he rendered outstanding service as an Arm Chaplain, and by his travels to the continent of Europe, Great Britain, and th Far East he helped to keep the lines of communication open between Endeavorer of many lands and the World's Union. He knows no boundaries, racial, colored, c creedal; to him all men are brothers, the children of one Heavenly Father.

In his own country he has a wonderful influence. People feel it an hono to be in any way associated with him. He is known and honored by many of th world's leading citizens in every continent, and to many people he is indeed "Father in God." Dr. Poling is first and foremost a faithful servant of Jesus Christ

I have often been led to feel, as I have heard him speak, that the purifyin influence of his life and ministry had their source in the high hills of God to whic he constantly lifted up the eyes of a virile, yet simple faith. He is endowed wit many rich natural gifts of intuition, vision, direction, and leadership, and these h has given freely to Christian Endeavor. For his years of devoted service to th Christian Endeavor movement we thank God!

The glow of such a devoted life so faithful and so inspiring radiates its influ ence in the lives of others. For all that I have got from such a life and from ou friendship I am deeply grateful.

May God continue to enrich his life with still many blessings, and also hi devoted wife and companion, and spare them long to the service of the movemen they both love so dearly.

ABOVE LEFT—The Ministers' Luncheon Monday attracted a large crowd, with Dr. Poling the speaker. ABOVE RIGHT—Over 900 delegates enjoyed this Welcome Tea in Sydney Town Hall on opening day.

LEFT—Leaders at one of the grade teas are (left to right) Rev. J. J. Jesudason; W. Olson, convention publicity convener; Rev. Izumi Watanabe, field secretary, Japan Union; Pastor F. J. Niles, convention intermediate-young people's convener; Bishop Meadows; Dr. Poling; Rev. Ivan W. Alcorn, president, National Union of Australia; and Rev. L. G. Bennett, chairman, Convention City Committee.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 14th World's Christian Endeavor nvention held in Sydney, Australia, gust 16-21, 1962, is now a matter of tory, but to those who attended its sions it was most significant. There s a warmth of spiritual fervor; a "to- herness"—true ecumenicity, rather n a forced uniformity; a devotion to rist and the Church; and an evan- ical zeal that caused the thousands to l the presence of God.

There was a spirit of evangelism in convention that was awe-inspiring. ndreds of serious-minded, intelligent ng people representing all parts of world publicly committed themselves Christ. As the young people came to platform from all parts of the Sta- m out of crowds that numbered over 00, it was evident they were respond- , not to the invitation of a man, but the moving of the Holy Spirit.

The enthusiastic endorsement of the ristian Endeavor movement by the ds of the major Protestant denomina- s was most encouraging. The heads the churches not only gave their en- sement in word and presence, but ively participated in the program ughout.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, a spiritual father many of us in the movement, even r 35 years as president of the World's ion and after over 50 years of active dership in Christian Endeavor, was l his own dynamic self and led the

Dr. Poling, retiring president, gives the new president, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, a firm handclasp and good wishes.

convention to the spiritual heights.

It was indeed a high moment in my life when he placed the President's Chain around my neck and with his hands upon my shoulders charged me with the words, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, do you promise as the new president—the third president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, in direct succession to Dr. Francis E. Clark—to do whatever the Lord would have you do?" I answered in humility but with all the strength at my command, "I will." I was reminded of the time as a lad when I left home to prepare for the ministry; I looked into the eyes of my father and said, "I'll give it the best I have."

The convention theme was "Jesus Christ . . . the Way." This theme is based on the statement of Jesus Himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Our world is confused and greatly disturbed. Many are fearful lest we destroy ourselves with our great bombs and machines of war. Through instant communication and fast transportation our world, for all practical purposes, has shrunk—in the time of a generation—to a fraction of its original size. In the matter of a few hours great numbers of people can be transported to the other side of the earth. In less than five hours a man can be hurled around the earth three times. In an afternoon he can visit Africa, India, Australia, and the United States three different times. This has brought us very close to our world neighbors and there are many adjustments necessary to get along happily and fruitfully with our neighbors.

There is no way or answer to this problem of human relationships except by the way that is in Christ. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for the individual, the family, the nation, and the world.

Clyde W. Meadows

Through the Eyes of Wm. J. Sharpe

The Area II General Secretary of the World's Union Gives His Impressions of the Sydney Convention

Sydney will be remembered as the place where history was made as touching Christian Endeavor, for long before the event took place it was known that important decisions would be taken at this convention, decisions as touching the leadership and government of the movement.

This occasion will ever be remembered as the moment when Dr. Daniel A. Poling closed a chapter of 35 years' distinguished leadership in the presidential office. Something of the love and esteem with which he was held could be judged from the messages and good wishes which greeted him from all over the world and the tangible gifts of esteem which were handed to him at the convention meetings. Dr. Poling carried home with him many reminders of the affection of Endeavorers in many lands.

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows is the unanimous choice of the national unions of the world to succeed Dr. Poling in the high office as president. A man beloved in many lands, remembered with affection by reason of his messages in Frankfurt 1958 and commending himself to thousands of Endeavorers in Sydney, there seemed to be marked out for him a term of office as president with much promise. As the mantle of Dr. Poling falls upon Bishop Clyde Meadows, symbolized by the handing over of the lovely Presidential Chain, the love and esteem with which Dr. Poling has been regarded will also accompany the newly-elected president in the many duties he has to perform.

The convention in Sydney was momentous in many ways. Many lands were represented, making a colorful platform and gathering. What a thrill it was on the giving of the keynote address, delivered by the president, when the flags were unfurled and carried into the great arena of the Stadium at Rushcutters Bay.

Even before the actual meetings commenced, visitors felt the spontaneous warmth of welcome of Australian Endeavorers, for as the American delegation with the official British representative descended upon Sydney at the airport, representatives of the Convention City Committee and the press were there to meet the party. Official welcomes were extended by civic and church leaders at the great Welcome Tea in the Sydney Town Hall, to which welcomes response was made by the Secretary of Area II of the World's Union. Government and civic leaders showed more than a passing interest in the convention. His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales gave his patronage to the convention and took part in one of the main evening sessions. The Lord Mayor of Sydney gave a civic reception to leaders and delegates in the course of which

Mr. Sharpe of England gives repo of Area II to convention delegate Norman Klauder of Philadelphi Pennsylvania, is at the left, with Re S. G. Paupard of Australia on t right.

he significantly presented Dr. Poli with a boomerang.

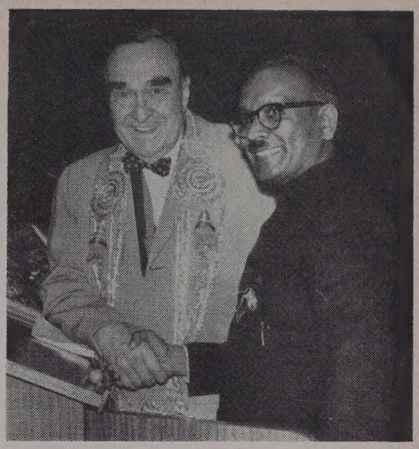
What can be said of the session Noticeable were the attendances. Int est never flagged all the way throu the closely-packed program. The Sat day evening rally in the Stadium s the biggest audience when 8,000 peop many of them young, attended to h a moving address and appeal from Bis op Clyde Meadows, to which app many, many responded. The Conventi Choir of nearly a thousand voices und the direction of Richard H. Shipw made the atmosphere by their outstan ing performance. There was a wi selection of singers and instrumentali that made their own particular contrib tions.

Processions of Witness, open air me ings, an impressive Cathedral Dedi tory Service led by the Most Rev. Hu Rowland Gough, Archbishop of Sydn and Primate of Australia, all helped point Sydney and the world to "Jes Christ . . . the Way."

LEFT—A dramatization of the parab of the lost sheep during the Juni Demonstration Saturday afternoon.

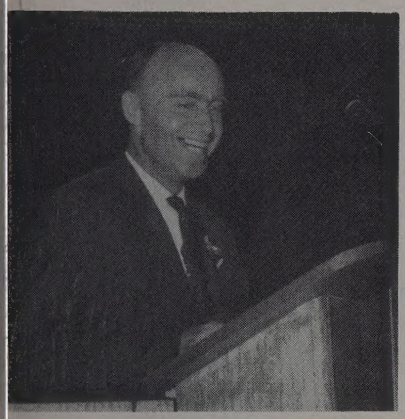
BELOW LEFT—Many participated in t convention open air meetings.

BELOW RIGHT—Harold E. Westerho general secretary, reported on Area activities, after this moment of levi when he introduced Rev. Allan Tinsley, past president of Australi and Pastor S. Aiono, president of t Samoan Union.



)r. Daniel A. Poling is shown (left above) with Alderman H. F. Jensen, Lord Mayor of Sydney, who presented him with a boomerang at the civic reception; center) greeting eager youth; and (right) with Mr. Jesudason, treasurer of he India Union, who had just given him a colorful garland on behalf of ndia Endeavorers.

Convention Personalities



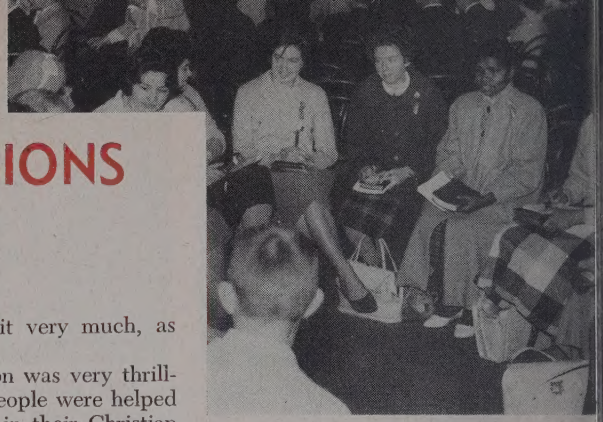
EFT ABOVE—Perhaps Rev. Arno Pagel is telling of the kangaroo his five-year-ld daughter wants him to bring her, as he begins his message to convention elegates. He is president of the German Union. RIGHT ABOVE—Miss M. hanraji, official representative of Fijian Endeavorers, chats with a delegate t the International Barbecue.

Sir Eric Woodward, Governor of New South Wales, read the Scripture when he participated in the Monday evening Community Night session.

MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS AND REPORTS WILL APPEAR IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE.

peaking during the Ministers' Luncheon is the Most Rev. Hugh owland Gough, D.D., Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of ustralia, who participated in many convention sessions.

The convention director, Harold E. Westerhoff, discusses details with the associate director, P. A. R. Chesterton, who is secretary of the National Union of Australia.



A TEENAGER'S IMPRESSIONS

By Margaret Chesterton
(Sydney Endeavorer)

On the 16th of August the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention began, its rousing theme "Jesus Christ . . . the Way." The first night was very exciting, as indeed were all the major night meetings. We were to hear fine Christian speakers give their testimonies in the following five days and nights and the choir sing with glad hearts and voices the special hymns and choruses.

Our hearts were refreshed as we heard the words of famous speakers from other corners of the globe. These people have dedicated their lives to the work of Christian Endeavor and on the first night, during which the many representing flags of the countries were paraded, I felt proud of belonging to this world-wide organization, as indeed many others must have.

During the five short days of the convention there were many activities for delegates. They attended tours of New South Wales, study groups for all ages, prayer meetings, and on late Saturday afternoon a wonderful International Barbecue in the park opposite the Stadium, where night meetings were held. Friendly greetings were exchanged between people of foreign lands and men from some of the Pacific Islands gave their testimonies. I am sure everyone who went to this enjoyed it very much, as I did.

The whole convention was very thrilling. I feel that many people were helped and blessed, as I was, in their Christian lives. The theme kept right through was an inspiration to all who attended, some never having gone to Christian Endeavor before. Altogether, this convention was the greatest I have ever been to or heard of, its message very arousing and really tremendous. To me, this 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention is an event never to be forgotten or overshadowed by any others, and the lives of these visiting Christian Endeavorers are examples to follow. I thank the Lord for this great event.

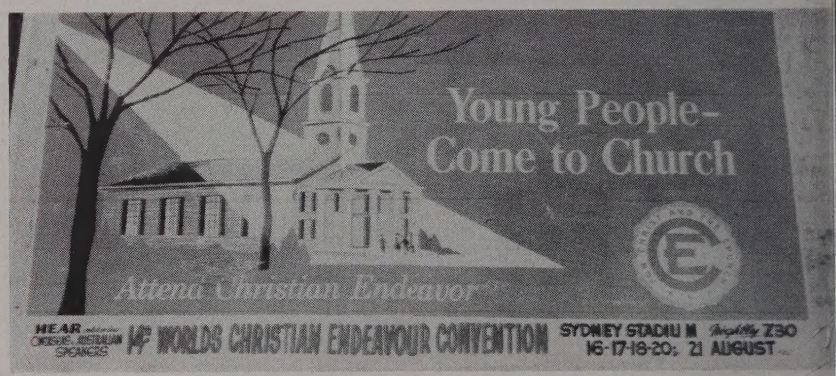
TOP—Many small conference groups met daily, often by age group. CENTER—Rev. Izumi Watanabe and five attractive delegates enjoy sausage sandwiches at the International Barbecue. BOTTOM—And it was a real barbecue, with over 4,000 delegates at Rushcutters Bay Park on Saturday afternoon for the event.

A CONVENTION IMPRESSION

By Ted Holley
(Member of the Convention Choir)

The Sydney World's Convention has come and gone.

My most vivid impression? No, not the lovely choir singing "Jesus Christ . . . the Way," not the noisy gathering of hundreds of colorful teenagers, not the magnificent arrangement of every detail by the executive leaders; no, not even the presence of our beloved world leader, but the earnest, pleading voice of the preacher when he said, "OH, LET ME BE LIKE JESUS."



Outdoor Posters Go To Sydney!

Christian Endeavor's current Outdoor Posters went to the World's Conventic Pictured is the poster which appeared outside the Sydney Stadium, where maj sessions were held.

This same poster will be seen along streets and highways in the United Stat and Canada in January and February, as part of the 1963 Outdoor Poster Progra Contribution postings are made by local poster plant owners, members of the Ou door Advertising Association of America, Inc. State and provincial unions secu gifts to make the program possible. Again the November 15 deadline for post orders from the International Society is in effect. The posters cost $5 each.

For complete details, contact union leaders or write to the International Societ

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT SYDNEY

Resolutions adopted at the 14th World's ristian Endeavor Convention are as fol-vs:

We, Christian Endeavorers from many nds and representing many branches of e Christian Church, met in Sydney, Aus-alia, on the occasion of the 14th World's ristian Endeavor Convention, give thanks God for all the blessings that have en-hed our lives through membership of this ovement, for the great host of young peo-e of many lands who have been equipped r service, carrying responsible positions in urch, civic, and international affairs; for ving also raised up men and women of sion, who, by their dedicated lives and ep sense of responsibility as leaders, have under the influence of the Holy Spirit—ven inspired guidance to Christian En-avor, thus helping to consolidate and ex-nd the work begun under the influence the same Spirit, by the movement's be-ved founder Francis E. Clark. We hereby affirm our confidence in Christian En-avor as an effective instrument in God's ands for the winning and training of ung people. We pledge to Christ our total legiance, as quietly and confidently we ly upon Him for sustaining powers.

We declare our conviction that Jesus hrist's claim "I am the Way" is the answer the dilemma of our day, for we believe at He—Jesus—is the door through which l must go who will be whole spiritually, cially, politically. Only through Him and r His Royal Law of Love will human rela-onships be sweetened, social conditions nproved, and mutual trust enjoyed in in-rnational relationships.

We deplore therefore those actions be-ween individuals and nations that make for spicion, bitterness, and strife, the undue nphasis which is given to material posses-ons, and the crippling expenditure upon e manufacture and use of weapons of ass destruction. Believing that "the weap-ns of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" we pledge ourselves to use all available spiritual resources to encourage leaders of all nations to "speak peace and ensue it" (I Peter 3).

We believe the Body of Jesus Christ on earth to be indivisible; the task of its many members with differing functions being to work harmoniously for the well-being and effectiveness of the whole body. We challenge Endeavorers to make the ecumenism which is as natural as breathing to Christian Endeavor, effective in all their contacts with the Christian community.

We declare our conviction as to the sanctity of human personality; we deplore and resist all forms of dictatorship, oppression, exploitation, injustice, and cruelty. We believe that both those who are called to govern and those who are governed are stewards of a charge entrusted to them and finally will be answerable to God for their stewardship. We state emphatically that there is and can be no affinity between atheistic Communism and Christianity and that atheism wherever incorporated into government is an affront to human personality which Jesus Christ came to redeem.

We would remind ourselves of Christ's description of discipleship in terms of "salt" and "light," of the challenge to be leaven in the lump of society, bringing sweetness and wholesomeness to those vocations where our feet have been set. We are counseled to preach and make disciples of all nations, not by word only but by deed.

Finally, mindful of the weakness of the human frame, the perverseness of the will which has not been made His, we would ask pardon for the failures of our lives, the broken vows, and the half-hearted service, and pray for courage to yield ourselves afresh, without reserve, to Him who has grace abounding, love immeasurable, and power unlimited, so that, filled with all these gifts, we shall be ready to be His hands, His tongue, His feet, wherever He wills.

Convention Gratitude and Thanks

We, Christian Endeavorers participating in the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention at Sydney, Australia, at the conclusion of these momentous meetings express our heartfelt gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ for His manifest presence amongst us and for His mighty answers to countless prayers, in consequence of which we have been privileged to share in experience of soul-stirring inspiration, of joy in all its fullness, of spiritual enrichment, of challenging guidance, of deep and solemn reconsecration. His blessings have come upon us in a wonderful way and we are most truly thankful.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who, under the constraint of Christ's love, have worked so devotedly to prepare and carry through this great convention—the National Christian Endeavor Union of Australia, the Convention City Committee, the civic authorities, the business community, the speakers, the choir, the hosts and hostesses, and all who have made any contribution. We are mindful of the great debt we owe to them, and in thanking them most warmly, we pray that they may long have fragrant memories of this convention and of their most worthy part in it. May they be gladdened by the sense of our Lord's own commendation of them for serving Him so well, and may they be cheered by the confidence that their good work will assuredly bear much fruit to God's greater glory.

Tribute to Dr. Poling

We, Christian Endeavorers participating in the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention at Sydney, Australia, wish to record our gratitude to God for the gift of his servant, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, who, since the home-call of our beloved founder, Dr. Francis E. Clark, in 1927, has served the movement as World President, with distinction and zeal. We call to remembrance his journeyings in the cause of Christian Endeavor, many of them undertaken during the hazards of war, with no regard to his own safety. We think of the stimulating effects of those visits upon the people with whom he had fellowship and of the refreshment and encouragement they gave. The name Daniel A. Poling has become a household one in Christian Endeavor circles, so that the news of his impending retirement was the cause for universal regret. We rejoice, however, that Dr. Poling's wise counsel, his breadth of vision, and challenging personality, will not be lost to the movement, but that he will remain as Honorary President for life. We pray that he may be long spared to us.

Tribute to Dr. Kelly

We, Christian Endeavorers gathered at the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney, Australia, deeply regret the decision of Dr. James Kelly of Scotland, through ill health, to refrain from seeking re-election as a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. We recall that for more than sixty years Dr. Kelly has rendered outstanding service to the movement in many ways, holding such offices as President of the Scottish, British, and European Unions. We give thanks to God upon every remembrance of his servant, James Kelly, especially calling to mind his zeal for the fundamental principles of the movement, his love for the brethren of every race and color, and his deep devotional life, which he has shared so willingly with his brethren in Christ. We count it all joy that Dr. Kelly is to continue with us as an Honorary Vice-President for life, and we pray that he may be spared to us for many years, to give of his wise counsel.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
William J. Sharpe (England), chairman
Dr. William W. McKinney (U.S.A.)
Rev. Harold W. Sendall (England)
Murray F. Smith (New Zealand)
Rev. Andrew Wright (England)

ELOW TOP—A downpour of rain did ot deter 3,000 delegates who par-cipated in the Sunday afternoon rocession of Witness. BOTTOM—The itizenship Rally following was held doors, with two additional meetings other locations needed to accom-odate the crowds.

Members of the Round-the-Pacific tour party were decked with leis by Hawaiian Endeavorers when they arrived in Honolulu.

THESE JUNIORS used their $50 citizenship award to help pay the cost of this bus to take them to Junior Day at t Pennsylvania Convention in Chamberburg August 7. The society took fifth place honors in the 1962 Citizensh Awards Program for its project to prevent the showing of Sunday movies. Of the 45 members, some of the pre-scho children and the Boy Scouts are not pictured. Ruth E. Bowman is one of the sponsors.

Your Society, Too, Can Be a Winner!

See those happy Juniors? They represent one of the winning societies in the 1962 Citizenship Awards Program!

Your society, too, can be a winner! Read about Christian Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awards Program, plan and complete a worthwhile project, and send in your entry.

The 1963 program is open to all Christian Endeavor Societies or similar youth groups in the United States and Canada. The majority of members in participating societies must be under 25 years of age.

Each group must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after September 1, 1962. All entries must be postmarked by February 4, 1963.

Each activity will be evaluated in one of three categories (Patriotic, Social Reform, and Community Service) on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder *What Is Chr tian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will include cash, tri plaques, and certificates. Winners will be announced Ap 25, 1963.

The first award in each category will be $125 in ca plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for the expenses one or more youth representatives (members of the winni society) to attend the 47th International Christian Endeav Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6. Second awa in each category will be $100 in cash; third award, $50 each category; and $25 awards to the next three runners- in each category. Plaques will be presented to the top winners; honor certificates go to all other qualified entran

Contact the Citizenship Director of the International S ciety for complete details.

"To Fill the Emptiness" 1963 Birthday Week Theme

Christian Endeavor Week 1963 is set for January 27 through February 3. In keeping with the theme, groups are urged to make a special emphasis on evangelism.

A complete packet of suggestions is now available, including the following:

—Manual of suggestions and resources
—Radio Program
—Television Program
—Noah's Ark Party
—Many other items

This 1963 Christian Endeavor Week Packet sells for 50c and is available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. It is just the resource needed for local societies and for unions to make plans for an adequate observance of the movement's 82nd anniversary. Order one today!

Christian Endeavor Day, February 3, is the date to join with others in a consecration service using the theme *Venture With Christ.* This should be the climax of the Week.

WASHINGTON 1963

Prayer cards for the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6, 1963, are now available.

Appropriately printed in red and blue, these attractive cards list program personalities and give a tentative schedule of activities. Also included are details about the special "package plan" rates at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, where all convention sessions will be held.

Endeavorers throughout North America are asked to be much in prayer for Washington '63. Pray daily that this convention may be a time of spiritual awakening and decision.

Prayer cards and registration blanks are available in limited quantities, without charge. Write to the International Society for a supply for use in your area.

NEWS AND VIEWS

GREAT LAKES ENDEAVORERS meet October 27-28 at Hotel Gary, Gary, Indiana, for their annual regional conference. Sessions begin at 9:00 A.M. Saturday and conclude at 2:00 P.M. Sunday. Theme is "Conquering Inner Space." Banquet speaker is Rev. George E. Hickels, assistant pastor of First Reformed Church of Roseland, Chicago. The three International Society staff members will also participate. William J. Bonnema of Chicago is regional vice-president.

Photo by Mrs. Etta V. Berger

CALIFORNIA LEADERS at the state convention in Sacramento June 21-24 are (left to right) Rev. Robert Hess, general secretary and executive editor; C. J. List, retiring president; Allen J. Burwell, president; and John C. Jones, first vice-president.

AUDREY DODSON of Oregon is preparing for missionary service in Brazil under The Christian Missionary Fellowship. She served recently as citizenship director for the Oregon Union. She is a member of Westside Church of Christ, Eugene. A public school teacher, she received her M.Ed. degree in June from the University of Oregon.

● REV. JOHN D. BARNETT, who has served for three years as general secretary of the Scottish National Union, sailed September 2 on the "Aragon" for missionary work in Brazil. He will spend much of his first year studying the Portuguese language.

● KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK 1962 is set for November 18-24. This program is sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. A folder giving information about this 12th consecutive observance is available from International Society Headquarters. Themes and suggestions for each day of the week are included.

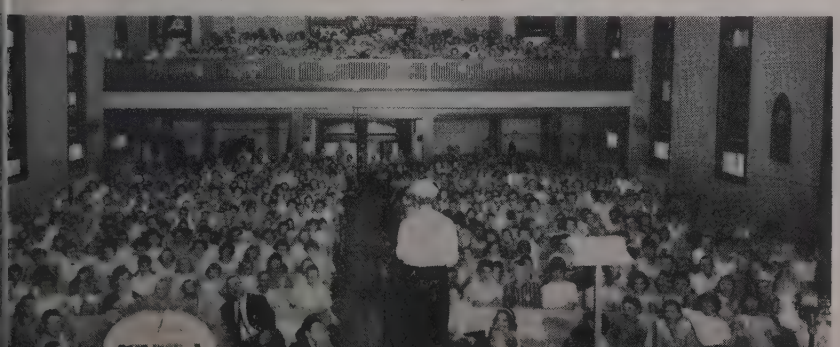
The All-American Conference is made up of fifty national organizations, representing more than fifty million Americans. The International Society of Christian Endeavor is one of these affiliate groups.

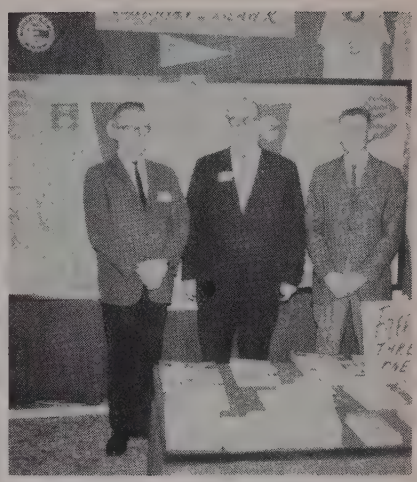
Note to societies: Observance of Know Your America Week is an excellent project for the Citizenship Awards Program!

● DR. JAMES DEFOREST MURCH of Chevy Chase, Maryland, received the Distinguished Service Award from Ohio University in Athens June 9. Dr. Murch is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society. Congratulations on this achievement!

● REV. DARRELL FRANKEN, Junior High topics writer, has been assigned to missionary work in the Arabian Gulf area under the Reformed Church in America. His wife, Marilyn, is a registered nurse and will serve in the missionary hospital.

MICHIGAN JUNIORS, 764 of them, participated in a one-day convention held June 9 at First Reformed Church, Zeeland. Here Mrs. Bastian Kruithof of Holland is speaking at the afternoon session. The full day's program included a parade with miniature floats. Theme was "Strength to Conquer." Betty Higgins of Grand Rapids is state Junior superintendent.





STAFFING the Christian Endeavor exhibit during the National Association of Evangelicals Convention in Denver last April are (left to right) David Parks, local leader; Harold E. Westerhoff, International Society; and Wilbur Schreiber, Colorado Union president.

● OREGON UNION reports a successful leadership conference in August. Delegates represented 11 union areas. Of the 85 new decisions made, 7 were for accepting Christ, 13 for an out-and-out stand, 19 Quiet Hour, 15 Tenth Legion, 17 soul winner, 12 Lifework Recruits, and 2 special.

DR. HECTOR ALVAREZ G., president of the Mexican Union, is a surgeon, trained at the National School of Medicine, Mexico City. He is now working at La Luz Sanatorium in Morelia and is provisional head of the Department of Physiology of the College of Medical Sciences of Michoacan. Dr. Alvarez, a deacon at Salem Presbyterian Church, is a 27-year-old bachelor. His father is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Zitacuaro. Dr. Alvarez says, "We love Christian Endeavor because we were born in it." He reports that Mexican Endeavorers are working on a four-year plan to train leaders and to expand materials.

Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

PROGRAM PLANS FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

By Mary Lou Funk

JANUARY-MARCH TOPICS

Date	Topic
January 6	"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" (elements of and subjects for prayer)
January 13	Why Do I Pray? (reasons why Bible people prayed and why people pray today)
January 20	Studies That Strengthen (the Bible as a living book that strengthens its readers)
January 27	To fill the Emptiness (youth's need for Christ to give meaning and purpose to life)
February 3	Venture With Christ (challenge to venture with Christ in evangelism, training, and service)
February 10	The Changing City Challenges the Church (application of Gospel to community conditions)
February 17	Begin Here (planning a mission project in the local community)
February 24	Always for Christ (putting Christ first in activities of youth)
March 3	Always for the Church (how each youth can use his talents in the church)
March 10	Let's Go to Church! (benefits to be received from regular church attendance)
March 17	What's My Attendance Rating? (effects of attendance upon spiritual development and influence)
March 24	"In the Beginning God" (God as creator and sustainer of the universe)
March 31	"God So Loved" (reasons why God loves us and why we should love Him)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

December

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Are you receiving written reports regularly from each committee? . . . Finalize plans for your Christian Endeavor Week observance; appoint any special committees needed for working out details. . . . Pray, plan, and work to be more effective for Christ and the church.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Successful programs come only after prayerful and careful planning. Emphasize to program leaders the importance of working out *all* details *before* the last minute. Urge leaders to be original and to make the programs varied. . . . Attend the prayer time prior to the meetings. . . . Make certain the meeting room is ready before people start coming. . . . Room decorations to go with the Bible and travel theme of the first three meetings will attract interest. Change the decorations for the December 23 and 30 meetings. . . . Urge members to read the Bible daily and on December 16 invite them to enroll as Comrades of the Quiet Hour. Call attention to the Daily Bible Readings listed with each topic.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Does your society do something out of the ordinary now and then? If so, as soon as it happens, report it to your local newspaper and to your church and Christian Endeavor publications. . . . In yo committee meetings, pray definitely, by name, for negligen associate, and prospective members. Continue sending po cards, making telephone calls and personal visits. Use variety of means in contacting each person. . . . The D cember 30 meeting would be an appropriate time to ha all members renew their Christian Endeavor pledge as th say or read it together.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Make scrapbooks for ch dren and adults in hospitals; contents could be picture cartoons, stories, Bible verses, poetry, etc. . . . If your chur helps to support a Bible translation missionary, feature th person on your missionary-of-the-month poster. Collect r ligious Christmas cards, cut out pictures, and send to missionary. . . . Share food and clothing with a nee family.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Go Christmas caroling at hom of shut-ins, to jail and hospital. Then go to a member's hom for refreshments.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Urge members your Christian Endeavor society to participate in chur activities to honor Christ's birth. . . . Arrange a display Bibles for December 9, Universal Bible Sunday. . . . Volu teer to assist in decorating the church for Christmas.

January

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Give special emphasis Christian Endeavor Week activities. . . . Your entry in Chri tian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program must be pos marked no later than February 4. . . . Promote membersh in the International Society and participation in the Cos For-A-Day Movement. Enrollment forms are available fro the International Society. Make a Society Roll Call gift International.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Enlist members in Bible memorization contest; see how many can memori the daily readings for the week January 14-20. . . . Durin the January 6 meeting, invite members to enlist in the Qui Hour; be sure to have a supply of Quiet Hour Covena cards and "What Is the Quiet Hour?" folders from the Inte national Society. . . . To publicize the first two meeting make a rocket and letter it with such statements as "Pray —a Great Force," "Prayer—Our Greatest Weapon," an "Prayer Leads to New Heights." . . . Have appropria worship centers for each meeting.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Encourage attendance every church service; make an attendance chart and repo findings during March 17 meeting. Does everyone ha transportation who needs it?

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Choose a missionary pro ect, such as buying a bicycle for a missionary or nation worker. Have some visual aid to create and sustain interes shovel snow, wash cars, etc. to earn extra money for yo project. . . . Select a medical missionary as your missiona of the month. Pray for him or her, post pictures, and wri a letter.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: If you are in a cold climate, ave an ice skating or sledding party. If you're in the sunny outh, have a backward party—wear clothes backward, enter he room backward, etc.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Ask if members of our society could serve as ushers for the evening services his month. . . . Cooperate with the Lookout Committee in ncouraging and recording the church attendance of your iembers. . . . Check the lists your pastor and janitor made September of things your society can do to be of service your church.

February

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: If you were to consider the ccomplishments of your officers and committees, how would ney rate? Why are they "on the ball," mediocre, or failing? What are you doing about it? . . . "It's Washington, D.C. '63!" Arouse interest in the 47th International Christian ndeavor Convention, July 2-6.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: A large picture of Christ nd the rich young ruler would make an appropriate worship enter for the February 3 meeting. At the same meeting, ave Lifework Recruit folders available. . . . The Missionary Committee will be in charge of the February 10 and 17 neetings.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Since the Missionary Com-nittee is responsible for two of the devotional programs his month, perhaps you can take the lead in making a pecial effort to win associate members to Christ and in arrying out the home missionary project.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Cooperate with the Look-ut Committee in endeavoring to win associate members for Christ and the church and in contacting prospective members. . . . Be responsible for the February 10 and 17 meetings on home missions. . . . In cooperation with the Lookout Committee, plan and direct a home missionary project, such as inviting an underprivileged group of Junior Highs to a social. If there is such a group in your area who do not attend any church, make them your project—inviting them to a social *and* your regular meetings.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Have a Christian Endeavor birthday party. Gifts of money could be used to provide an annual membership in the International Society for your counselor. Show "Chicago Close-Up," a set of slides of the 1961 International Convention at Chicago. These slides are available from the International Society. See Christian Endeavor Week Packet for other ideas.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Encourage the use of Christian Endeavor bulletins in your church services on February 3. See your Christian Endeavor Week Packet for a sample. They may be ordered from the International Society. . . . If your church publishes a news bulletin, be certain to report any special activities of your society to the editor.

Earl N. Plato, elementary school principal in Crystal Beach, Ontario, is a new writer of Junior High topic comments. His first material appeared in the September issue. He has served as an officer of county and provincial unions and is active in Lions Club, Boy Scouts, and Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. He is a graduate of Hamilton Teachers College and is married and the father of two small children.

Earl N. Plato

PROGRAM PLANS FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

By Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

ANUARY-MARCH TOPICS

Date	Topic
anuary 6	"In the Beginning God" (beginning every day and every action with God)
anuary 13	"He Builded an Altar" (Isaac's example of providing for spiritual needs first)
anuary 20	"The Beginning of Wisdom" (necessity of love of Christ in addition to Bible knowledge)
anuary 27	To Fill the Emptiness (youth's need for Christ to give meaning and purpose to life)
ebruary 3	Venture With Christ (challenge to venture with Christ in evangelism, training, and service)
ebruary 10	The Changing City Challenges the Church (application of Gospel to community conditions)
ebruary 17	Begin Here (planning a mission project in the local community)
ebruary 24	What Are You For? (things Christian youth are for and should do)
larch 3	Somebody's Missing (building personal strength through faithful church attendance)
larch 10	Lord of All (growing concept of the characteristics of God)
larch 17	This I Know (knowing God through a personal relationship with Him)
larch 24	Information Please (five Christian Endeavor committees and their responsibilities)
March 31	Be a Merit Scholar (worthwhileness of adhering to four basic principles)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

December

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Prepare "end-of-the-year" reports from society officers and committee chairmen. If your church has an annual audit at this time, present your treasurer's books. Be sure to order the new bulletin covers for Christian Endeavor Week; get extra copies to use in March for an emphasis scheduled then on Christian Endeavor Essentials. Be examples to others by bringing and using your Bibles in church.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Check on Bible reading in your society in connection with the December 9 topic. Consider adding a new version of the Bible to your church library. In all meetings and plans stress the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Help your society to learn some new carols this month. During your Watch Night service study Bible personalities who became "new" through accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord; emphasize the importance of beginning anew. Make arrangements for participation in your church worship services during Christian Endeavor Week.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Display an interesting collection of Bibles with the nativity scene in a store window in your community. Go caroling with a purpose; carol to pros-

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pective members, families of your members, as well as to shut-ins. Practice a planned program, and then leave a printed copy with Christmas greetings at each home you visit. Send cards to those away for the holidays, in the armed forces, or home from college, with a schedule of your holiday meetings and activities. Urge those away from home to attend services wherever they are.

- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Plan or lead the December 16 meeting, using illustrations from the Bible of those who prayed, gave, and went as witnesses for Christ. Send a Christmas letter to missionaries whom you know and support, including news of activities in your society and church. Make Bible bookmarks with Christmas texts and pictures for hospitals or convalescent homes. Include a Bible in baskets taken to needy families by your society or church.
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Feature stars at a Christmas or New Year's party—decorations, games, refreshments. Use the star of Bethlehem as a basis for the closing devotions. At least a portion of the event might even be held outdoors under the stars.
- CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Arrange to provide transportation for holiday services for church members and friends who need it. You might also help elderly church members from their cars and into the building. How about setting aside one or more afternoons at the church for baby sitting while mothers do their Christmas shopping?

January

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Discuss the Christian witness of your officers' faithful observance of the Quiet Hour. Finalize Christian Endeavor Week plans; participate in united youth activities. Plan to attend Christian leadership classes in your church or community.
- DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: In all meetings stress the importance of strengthening spiritual foundations. At your consecration meeting, have members give a testimonial review of spiritual highlights of 1962. Have copies of the folder "What Is the Quiet Hour?" and enrollment cards from the International Society to distribute at the January 13 meeting.
- LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Contact absentees and provide them with a copy of "What Is the Quiet Hour?" Tell them of plans for your next meeting. Post a review of the past year in pictures and clippings. Work on Christian Endeavor Week promotion.
- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Compile a reading list of books about missions from your church or public library. Give a brief announcement about at least one book at each meeting to interest others in reading it. Bring books to the meetings.
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Start your year of social activities with a "What's New?" party. Keep your plans a surprise. In cold areas have a sledding party with hot refreshments.
- CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: If your church has a Week of Prayer, correlate society activities with those of the church. Consult your pastor about distributing "What Is the Quiet Hour?" folders to the congregation. Place a large calendar on your bulletin board listing activities of your society and the whole church as well.

February

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Is it time for another planning conference? Review the responsibilities of each committee; evaluate the past few months; complete unfinished projects. Your entry in the Citizenship Awards Program must be mailed to Columbus by February 4. Have you participated in Membership Mobilization or sent a birthday gift to the International Society?
- DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Challenge your society with the history of Christian Endeavor in your church and around the world. Distribute copies of the folder "The Christian Endeavor Story" from the International Society. Have a Christian Endeavor quiz based on it following one of your meetings. Invite long timers to attend your meeting on February 3.
- LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Use all possible means to publicity for the challenge of the message of Christian Endeavor Week. Follow up events immediately with pictures and news stories for local and state papers and *The Christian Endeavor World*. Thank all who have helped with your activities; be sure to remember publicity channels.
- MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Volunteer to lead February 10 and 17 meetings. Study what is happening in your community in race relations and welfare activities and suggest a suitable project for your society. Arrange for a visit to a city mission or benevolent home.
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Consult the Christian Endeavor Week Packet for plans for a birthday party. Invite underprivileged or delinquent youth to attend this or some other social event.
- CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Are adult groups in your community working to abolish obscene literature? Offer your help or start such a project yourselves. Be sure to report any such literature you receive through the mail.

Mrs. Raymond Pulsifer, co-sponsor of the High School society of the Christian Church of Redmond, Oregon, and a member of the Program Committee of the Oregon Union, is a new writer of Senior High-Young People's topic comments. Her first material appeared in the September issue. She attended Northwest Christian College and is married and the mother of two small children.

Park H. Netting

The first topic development by Park H. Netting, minister and Senior Christian Endeavor counselor of the First Church of Christ of Owosso, Michigan, also appears in the September issue. He is a graduate of Bethany College, received his B.D. degree from Butler University, and studied at the University of Chicago. He is married and the father of two teen-agers.

COMING NEXT MONTH—Ready-for-YOUth RESOURCES in the November issue will include helpful suggestions for both Junior High and Senior High-Young People's committee activities for the month of March. There will also be comments giving guidance to officers and committees concerning their responsibilities throughout the year. Counselors should remind their society leaders that these helps will be available next month.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

On the Rim of East Asia

Psalm 97:1-12

anning the Meeting

The responsibility for this meeting may placed with the Missionary Committe. From their number they may apint the leader for the evening. If aner leader is appointed, then enlist the lp of the Missionary Committee in nning the service.

The type of meeting desired will demine the preparation that will be cessary. Material on the topic, which the foreign missions theme being used rrently by a number of denominations, available from Friendship Press, 475 verside Drive, New York 27, New rk. A listing of these materials may secured from the International Society Christian Endeavor.

Most denominations have missionary rk in this or a nearby area of East ia, and this meeting offers a wonderful portunity for Junior Highs to become tter acquainted with this work and part they can have in the great work spreading the Gospel of Christ.

If you plan to secure films, slides, filmips, or other helps from your denomitional headquarters, do so as soon as ssible to insure getting the materials en you want them. If you plan for special speaker, contact him or her early as possible to learn whether he she will be able to be in your meeton the desired date. Notify members of your society who will take part least two weeks ahead so they can epare.

Your pastor and the president of the al adult missionary group are good ource people to furnish the addresses denominational sources of missionary ps. Also they may know of speakers om you could contact.

First of all decide on the type of vice you will have. List what you will ed to do in preparing for it. Then ntact those whom you wish to take rt.

blicity

Make sure an announcement is in the urch bulletin. You may also want to ve an item in the local newspaper announcing the service. Display a poster in your Sunday School classroom or department. Remember to make personal contacts with absentee members and new prospects. Both the Publicity and Lookout Committees could function in this area. Contact the committee chairmen to give them the information they will need, and be sure they know what you want them to do. The more members you have working, the more people will be interested in the meeting.

Worship Center Suggestion

In the background place a globe with the continent of Asia showing. At the front and in the center place an offering plate. Between the offering plate and the globe place an open Bible (center), a bowl of rice, some items to represent medical supplies, some textbooks, or other items to represent ways in which, through their giving, many churches are aiding those in Asia to know Christ. In opening the service the leader may comment briefly concerning the challenge presented by the worship center.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: a missionary hymn
Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3
Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Prayer
Hymn: *Jesus Lives*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 97:1-12
Topic Discussion
Roll Call (to be answered with a Scripture of commitment)
Offering and Announcements
Special: an instrumental number
Hymn of Consecration: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Mizpah Benediction

Leader's Introduction

(Vary this according to the type of topic presentation that has been planned.)

Every day knowing and appreciating people of other races, nationalities, and general backgrounds becomes more and more important to everyone, even to teen-agers. Girls and boys our own age are among the people included in the populations of Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, India, and other countries of Asia not behind the bamboo curtain of Communism.

Many of us have never thought of these young people as having problems to solve—some much more difficult than the problems we have to face—choices to make, and a place to fill in their nation just as we do. Those who have dared to accept the Christian way of life have often done so in spite of the opposition from their families and friends. This opposition often takes the form of open persecution and sometimes complete separation from loved ones.

The purpose of our study this evening is to become better acquainted with the conditions in the countries where our denomination has established missions and is striving through national Christians and through missionaries to make Christ and the message of salvation known in places where He has never been preached. We need also to become more conscious of what we can do as Junior High Christian Endeavorers to help in making the Gospel of Christ known to these people.

PLAN I: Panel Discussion

FIRST SPEAKER: We are reminded daily of how important other parts of the world are to us and how what happens there affects us here in our own country. Scientists are finding more and better ways of traveling and communication. These cause other parts of the world to seem much closer to us although the distance remains the same. A person may very easily leave continental North America in the morning and keep an appointment in Japan, in Hong Kong, or in the Philippine Islands in the evening. Other places in Asia can be reached just as easily unless they are behind the bamboo curtain. An event happens in some other part of the world, and within a few hours, sometimes within minutes, we hear about it by television or radio. Newspapers will

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carry accounts of the event yet that day.

What happens in the spiritual life of these countries, in the political life, in every part of life is important to us. We should seek information that will help us to understand them better. We need to know how they worship, believe, work, and play if we are to understand why they act as they do. We even need to know what their countries are like geographically and the climates they have. All these make people from other parts of the world seem different and sometimes strange to us. Let's not forget, too, that to them we seem to behave in very odd ways sometimes. The way we feel about things, yes, and even our manners are strange indeed to them.

(Other points may be made from materials the speaker has read, talks he has heard, or information he has received in other ways. Try to emphasize the fact that we need to see these people as much like ourselves. They have feelings and loyalties just as we do. When we really get to know them they are not very much different from us. They too are persons whom God has created.)

SECOND SPEAKER: We need to remember too that in many areas of the world Christianity is *not* the religion accepted by most of the people. When compared with the total population only a very, very small percentage of the total population of some countries is Christian. Often this presents problems we never have to face if we live in a country where most of the people know about the Christian religion, even though many may not attend church or call themselves Christians. Christians in such countries face problems very much like those faced by the early Christians such as Peter, John, Paul, and others who carried the Gospel of Christ to places beyond Palestine.

Christianity is a way of life that teaches of a loving God, of a Saviour who gave His life for the sins of the world, of forgiveness of sin, and the joy of living forever. When we accept Christ as our Saviour, we want to do His will because we love Him and not because of a terrific fear. This is a completely new idea to many.

To accept Christ and believe the Gospel is many times a direct opposite of what many have always heard and have been taught. When such people become Christian, they have to leave other kinds of worship. Their relatives, even those in their own families, may become fearful and even angry, thus persecuting them severely. In Asia Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism, and others are strong religions. In some countries one may be the state religion. This fact also presentts many problems for those who dare to become Christians.

THIRD SPEAKER: Discuss the questions: What is our church doing in these countries? How is it trying to meet the needs of these Christians?

FOURTH SPEAKER: The first thing we always think of when we hear someone talk about missionary work and the needs of Christians in other lands is "We Junior High kids don't have much money." Maybe we don't, but money isn't the only way we can help, although in missionary work as in business it is very important.

If a large manufacturing company had millions of dollars and no one to work for it, what could it do? Not very much, because it needs people to do different kinds of work so it can manufacture its product and have it ready for sale. Even to have the finished product isn't enough. Someone must do the selling, and there must be satisfied customers who are also an important part of the business. The advertising they do often means more than the big billboard displays. Billboards do not and cannot tell everything, but a satisfied customer will tell you all he knows about the product because he has bought it, he's used it, he's found it's good, and he wants you to try it too.

Christ is the answer to man's need for a Saviour. He gave His life on Calvary. The plan of redemption is completed. His ministers faithfully preach His message inviting people to accept Him, but they cannot do the work alone. We have accepted Him, and we must witness for Him too. We need to pray that the Lord will guide us to find ways to help His people around the world. If you read the daily Bible reading for last Wednesday you may have thought of a way we can help. Let me read Psalm 2:8 now. *(Read this verse.)* As we pray, I'm sure the Lord will help us see we can give something of what we have. It may not be much, but blessed by Him it can be used in a great way to spread the message of salvation.

CONCLUSION: The moderator may make a few closing statements in summary of what has been said and close the panel's work with a prayer that all may see how they can help Christians in other lands.

Following the moderator's conclusion, the leader should give an opportunity for the group to discuss ways they can help in supporting the work their denomination is doing in Asia.

PLAN II: Buzz Session

Divide the group (depending on size) into three or more buzz groups of n more than six to a group. Have mat rials that will contain information abo missionary activity in Asian countrie Your denominational magazines will b good sources. Other magazines such *Christian Life* and *Christian Herald* oft have articles or news items about Chri tians in other countries. Look throug back issues and note those that ha information that would be helpful discussing the topic.

Select a subject for each group su as "Work Our Churches Are Promotin in Korea. "What Churches Are Doing Help Asian Christians", or "The Chur In Hong Kong." What you choose f subjects will depend on the materia you have available. Discuss the pla ning of these with your counselor.

After the groups are formed, assi a person to act as a leader for each gro and give each a subject and the materi concerning it. Tell them how mu time they may spend finding inform tion and preparing a brief report to presented to the entire group. Call groups back together when the time up. Be sure you have allowed time f the presentation of the reports.

PLAN III: Audio-Visuals

Use slides, a film, or a filmstrip whi portray work being done by your d nomination or brotherhood in some s tion of East Asia.

PLAN IV: Guest Speaker

Hear a missionary who has served some East Asian country. Suggestio for securing such a speaker have be made in comments above.

Or hear a national Christian from o of these countries who is studying at nearby college or university. Be su to tell him the age of your group, h long you want him to speak, and so of the things you would like to ha him tell about his country and the chur there.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 29 Salvation to All Nations Isaiah 45:20
T. Oct. 30 The Harvest Is Plenteous Matthew 9:32
W. Oct. 31 The Uttermost Parts Psalm 2:8
T. Nov. 1 Sacrificial Service Mark 10:28
F. Nov. 2 Workers Commissioned Act 13:
S. Nov. 3 Joy in Service John 4:31
Sun. Nov. 4—Topic: On the Rim of East As Psalm 97:1

Comments by Wilma L. Monroe, an element schoolteacher in Celina, Ohio, director of ca for the United Brethren in Christ, and a for missionary in Sierra Leone

Soldiers of the Cross

II Timothy 2:1-4

uggested Program

uiet Music for Meditation
all to Worship: Isaiah 2:3
ymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
ilent Meditation
rayer by a Junior High
ymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
opic Discussion
ymn: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
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lints for the Counselor

The resources below are not complete in emselves. There is a variety of presentaons which should help Junior Highs to nderstand what it means to be soldiers f the cross of Jesus Christ. It is hoped that ou will guide the leader to use and adapt e material to your own group. The sugestions are merely to stimulate your thinkg and creativity in presenting ideas and ays that are most helpful to your group.

Certainly it is a real challenge to plan *ith* youth and not just *for* them. Make pportunity for the Junior Highs to parcipate in leading various parts of the worip and topic presentation. Remind them o give special attention to details such as hrasing of prayers and the way the Bible read, such as speaking plainly. Those ho lead must become aware of what their adership can mean, for they can help or inder youth to be more effective servants f God.

Here is a good definition of interest to uide you in your task: "Interest is attenon plus a sense of concern." How much re you really interested or concerned? Are ost of your youth interested all of the me, part of the time, some of the time, or one of the time?

Urge leaders to "feel with" the group; hink of specific needs and visualize them. very effort should be made to help your eeting "come alive" and to bring youth o disciplined Christian living. Any topic resentation can be of much more value if t is adapted for your group rather than sed exactly as written. Seek God's help s you plan. Below you will find resources or you to adapt to your needs. Try your vings!

anel Discussion:

To the Leader

This discussion expresses some of the hings that stand in the way of being good soldiers of Jesus Christ. As youth ecome aware of the difficulties that eed to be surmounted, they will develop greater insight into what it means o live a Christian life.

Brief talks, such as you find here, can orm the basis of the discussion. They ome from the crucible of Christian exerience. As you examine what is here, think of these talks as words from persons to persons. Make your own statements as clear as possible. Try always to achieve simple, direct, focusing of spirits toward God. Allow for silences for listening and purposing. Leader may wish to have moments for sharing of experiences of guidance and patience and courage.

Meditation: Symbols of Strength

LEADER: Have you heard of "a self-made man?" There can be no self-made man in the Christian life. We begin the Christian life by letting God remake us, and we continue by letting God guide us. We depend upon God. Our own resources are not enough. We must look to God as the source of our strength.

Paul admonishes us to strengthen ourselves with the Christian armor. The power of evil is great. Martin Luther recognized the tremendous power of evil. So did Milton in *Paradise Lost.* We seek to resist evil, but we fight in vain if we fight in our own strength. Only God is stronger than the forces of evil. Luther depicted this in his hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.*

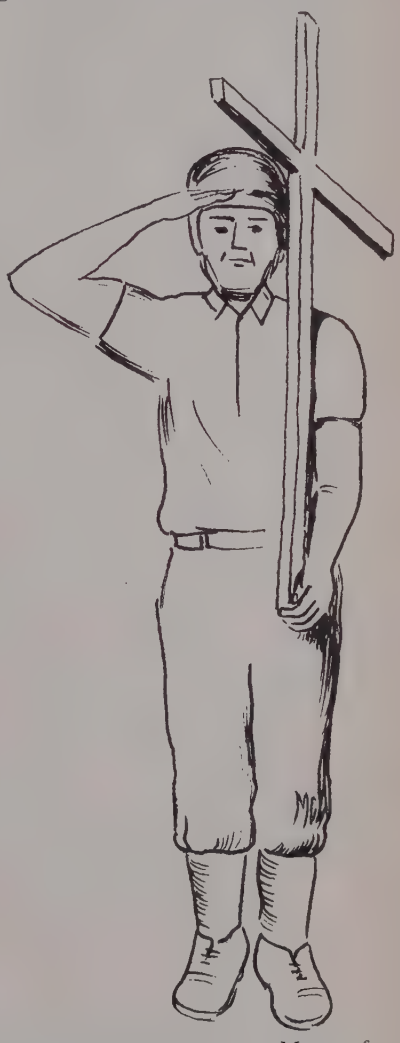
Many of us have a confident and proud image of ourselves. It is hard for us to admit our needs for advice, for help, for guidance, for assistance, for counsel. We like to feel that we can get things done on our own. Do we as Junior Highs really have any needs?

FIRST PANEL MEMBER: It is thrilling and terrible to grow from a child to an adult. Junior Highs are trying hard to be independent and to be accepted as persons in our own rights. We face the tremendous urge to cut the apron strings of childhood. This makes it hard for us to admit, especially to adults, that we have any particular needs.

LEADER: Yes, that may be true. However, Jesus taught the real worth of each person. He chose Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, even though people hated him. He taught that children are important too. Remember also how Jesus praised the widow for giving what she had. Are we patient and understanding of others?

SECOND PANEL MEMBER: We have many strengths and weaknesses. We have some good qualities, and other qualities are not so good. Sometimes we are lovable, and at other times we are unlovable. Each one of us makes demands upon the patience of those who live and play and study with us. A Christian must learn to be as patient and understanding of others as he expects and hopes everyone will be of him.

LEADER: Yes, it is easy to expect patience from others when we make mistakes. But it is not so easy to have patience with others who hope to receive it from us. Can you think of anything else that makes it hard for youth to be good Christian soldiers?



THIRD PANEL MEMBER: Many of us are so busy with ourselves that we do not take time to think about our Christian responsibilities.

LEADER: That is true. We live in such a hurry! Many families fail to pray or go to church. Unless a person thinks about what it means to be a Christian and puts it to use, he will never discover its true value.

FOURTH PANEL MEMBER: In Luke 9:57-62 we read about the excuses that people offered for not following

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Jesus. Jesus says that God's work is so important that it should come before eveything else.

LEADER: How would we define a soldier of Jesus Christ anyway?

FIFTH PANEL MEMBER: A Christian is a believer in Christ who is endeavoring to put the teachings of Christ into practice in his own life. To believe in Christ is to try to be like Him.

SIXTH PANEL MEMBER: A Christian is known by what he does and is. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul spoke of such qualities as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

SEVENTH PANEL MEMBER: Paul traveled as a soldier of Christ. No wonder he wrote to his helper, young Timothy, "Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." Paul thought of preparation for Christian living in terms of a Roman soldier's outfit. *(Read Ephesians 6:11-17.)*

LEADER: Once having begun, Paul never stopped. *Superb* is the word for Paul's courage and heroism. Faith and faithfulness produce steadfastness. Nothing stopped Paul. Paul kept going—he was a good soldier of Jesus Christ. *(Read II Corinthians 11:21-33.)*

The greatest battle of all is that of good overcoming evil, with Jesus Christ as Commander-in-Chief and with the whole armor of God. Jesus had a special kind of courage, and little by little we catch it as we seek to follow Him in our own world. Quiet endurance and the bearing of suffering for Christ's sake tend toward the development of the highest courage and truest heroism.

Let us bow our heads in silence and fix our minds upon God, placing our needs before him. Prayer will help us to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. When we finish our individual prayers, we will say the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Alternate Presentations

1. *Photographic Essay.* Pictures tell exciting stories. They add appeal and stir the imagination. Use pictures and words to tell what soldiers do and relate this to Paul's description of the Christian armor in Ephesians 6.

This is one way to promote and advertise your meeting. The central idea of the pictures might be discussed in the meeting. The leader might prepare an accompanying essay which stresses personal commitment to Christ, loyalty to your Christian Endeavor society and the local church, and daily Christian service.

2. *A Pantomime.* A Junior High might pantomime the thoughts of a prayer as it is read. The theme of the prayer should be enlistment for Christian service through the use of one's talents. Or a hymn such as *Am I a Soldier of the Cross?* or *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* might be used for this purpose.

3. *Group Discussion.* The following thoughts might be used as seeds for discussion by the entire group.

- The life of a soldier is a life of duty. He must be obedient, disciplined, and always ready to sacrifice self for others. He must be at his post always. When called and sent on an assignment, however dangerous, he must be ready to go. What are some of the assignments to which Christian youth are called?
- Jesus left no illusions as to what we must do to follow Him. Christians are marked by their performance for Christ. To serve Christ, we must give up all right to self and take up our crosses and follow Him. What does it mean to take up one's cross as a Christian?
- Jesus taught His disciples the importance of following rules. Rules helped them to gain strength for the hard things that had to be done. St. Benedict lived during the Dark Ages when Rome was being invaded by pagans, and he believed that a strong discipline was needed. He and his followers spent much time in prayer every day. Were they right in following this practice? (Read Matthew 14:22,23; 17:1-8; Luke 6:12; and John 16:15,16.)
- Augustine lived around 400 A. D. in North Africa, about where Algeria is today. In his youth the gang spirit overwhelmed him and he lived a wild life. Later he went to live in Milan where Ambrose, a famous bishop, lived. The sermons of the bishop appealed to the youthful Augustine. One day he heard a voice of a child who was playing nearby saying, "Take up and read." He went to a garden seat and found a New Testament, in which he read, "not in rioting and drunkenness, . . . but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Thereupon, he was converted and received the strength to command his heart and mind to obey the best and not the worst. How can we become able to overcome temptations to go along with the gang and do things we know to be wrong?
- It takes strength and courage to do something about injustice, prejudice, hatred, and foul play. But the Christian must do more than just talk about such things. Would we be willing to become members of the church if it meant going against our friends? Would we be willing to be called Christians if it meant facing unpopularity and inconvenience.

Questions for Discussion

1. Must one be strong in order to be a Christian soldier? What is the highest expression of Christian courage?

2. How was the heroism of the apostle Paul like that of a soldier in battle? Was there any difference?

3. Is it necessary to have wars in order to cultivate heroism in man? In what other ways can we be heroic?

Survey the Scriptures

(Here are several Scriptural references which will be helpful in your topic discussion.)

Marks of a Soldier of the Cross: Romans 5:1,2; 8:38,39; I Corinthians 15:58; 16:13; Galatians 2:20; 5:22,23; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 3:13,14; I Timothy 6:11,12; II Timothy 1:12; 4:7,8

Resources of a Soldier of the Cross: Romans 8:26; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 11:4; 52:7; 59:17; Philippians 4:13; Matthew 10:19; I Peter 1:25; Romans 10:8,9; Revelation 1:16; 2:16; 19:15,21

Follow-Up Project

Here is a project which each member of your society might undertake alone. Try to write a letter in the style of Paul. Each day you see unchristian actions. Each day you see the need for a vital Christian witness. You may recognize needs in your own life.

Write a letter to *yourself* as though Paul were writing you and asking you to overcome some personal trait. Then give the letter to your counselor or parents to return to you unopened at some future time. It will help you to check up on yourself and to develop strength as a good soldier of Christ.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 5 A Soldier's Faith Matthew 8:1-13
T. Nov. 6 A Devout Soldier Converted Acts 11:1-18
W. Nov. 7 A Soldier's Armor Ephesians 6:10-18
T. Nov. 8 An Admonition I Timothy 4:11-16
F. Nov. 9 The Finished Course II Timothy 4:5-8
S. Nov. 10 Overcomers Romans 8:37-39
Sun. Nov. 11—Topic: Soldiers of the Cross II Timothy 2:1-4

Comments by Rev. Edgar L. Mack, pastor of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, and a writer for the Division of Christian Education of his denomination.

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Father, We Thank Thee

Psalm 105:1-5

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

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e-Prayer Service
elude: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
pening Prayer
ng Time: Choose hymns which men- tion something for which to be thank- ful, such as *Jesus Saves, He Lives, The Old Rugged Cross,* and *Jesus Never Fails*
ayer Time: Have several sentence prayers expressing gratitude
uet: *It Took a Miracle* (Have verses sung as a duet and the chorus sung by the whole group. The words of the chorus might be written on the chalkboard)
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ymn: *Count Your Blessings*
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uggestions to Leader

Study the topic several times until ou know it thoroughly. In a small note- ook or on a piece of paper, list the order service. By each part of the program st your plans for it, who is to help and hat you will need for it. Be sure each art is planned carefully. Go over the lans with your counselor. He or she ay have some good suggestions to add. structions are given with each section.

uggestions to Sponsor

You should know the topic as thor- ughly as the leader. During the week efore the meeting, work with the leader, aking sure he has made sufficient plans r everything. Young people need help leading topics. Poor meetings are ften due to a lack of training and help om adults, not because the youth want em that way.

Be ready with other ideas for parts f the topics, especially in planning the rojects. It will be up to you to see that lans which are made are carried out. or these to be successful, there must e several work days planned after rojects are chosen. The time spent in lanning and working together is a val- able part of training for young people.

Choral Reading

The choral choir should practice before the meeting. If this is impossible, you can still have a choir without practice. Choose some who can read quite well for the solo parts, the high and low voices. These special parts can be given by the same person or by several persons. Be sure there is a contrast between the voices.

Each person in the choir should have a copy of the material given below. If a copy of the magazine is not available for all, write out the parts or have someone duplicate them for you. If it is well practiced, this reading might be used as a special number by the Junior Highs at some church worship service.

Psalm 34:1-10

Low Voice—I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

High Voice—My soul shall make her boast in the Lord.

All Voices—The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

High Voice—I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

All Voices—They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Low Voice—This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

All Voices—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good.

High Voice—Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

All Voices—O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Story and Exercise: "Count Your Many Blessings"

The story given below has been handed down as true. Have someone prepared to tell it, or you as the leader may do so. It may be enlarged upon if desired. After it has been given, tell the group they are going to do the same thing with the grains of corn as their early Pilgrim fathers did.

In advance, prepare twelve pieces of yellow paper shaped like kernels of corn. On each kernel print one of the letters in the word THANKSGIVING.

Give the kernels to different persons and ask them to think of two or three blessings which begin with the letter that is on their kernel. One at a time, have each bring his kernel to the front. After listing the blessings, others in the group might add more. Perhaps they can think of twelve for each letter given. Remember there are some letters which are used more than once in the word. As leader you should also have several blessings for each letter thought of beforehand. Some examples are: T—truth, trust, turkey; H—home, Holy Spirit, honesty; A—America, ability, animals.

As the blessings are given have someone list them on a chalkboard. Put the letters on a bulletin board as you finish with each. An attractive Thanksgiving scene might be on the bulletin board beforehand, and as the world is placed on the board, it will complete the decoration for your room for this season.

Here is the story: One time when the Pilgrims came together for their annual Thanksgiving feast, they found twelve grains of corn at each place at the table. The master of the feast explained that the kernels were placed to help each guest to count his or her blessings. He started by mentioning a blessing, and then he placed one grain in the center of the table. Each guest did the same until all the kernels of corn found their way to the center.

Surely we today can find even more than twelve things in our lives for which

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to be thankful. As each kernel of corn is brought to the front let us name as many things as we are thankful for that begin with the letter that is on the kernel.

"Thanksliving" Planning Time

The following may be enlarged upon and given as a talk by the president or counselor just prior to the planning time.

This is a season to show others that Christianity is practical. Much is said in the New Testament epistles about being practical Christians. For example, James gives some good advice about giving to those who are in need (James 2:15,16). We best show our thanksgiving by kind, thoughtful acts and deeds to others. This is more than Thanksgiving; it is "Thanksliving."

This would be a good time to show our church and community that our Christian Endeavor Society is practicing practical Christianity or "Thanksliving." Our topic comments list some ideas and projects which each committee might plan to do or which we might decide to do as a whole group. Let's decide on a project which we can do ourselves, one that will be hard enough to challenge us but not so hard that we'll get discouraged and quit.

Here are two ways to do your planning. First, if your committees are functioning, divide the group into the following five committees: Devotional, Lookout, Missionary, Social, and Church Activity. If some in your group are not on a committee, be sure they have a choice of one on which to serve. Each group should be led by the chairman with help from the counselor or president. As a leader you should check with each committee chairman to be sure he has prepared for this part and understands what to do. Your counselor can give you help if needed. Each group is to decide on one or more projects they wish to do and be prepared to report to the combined group as to their decision. Your entire group perhaps should make the final decisions. Some suggested projects are listed below, but more can be added that might be more practical for your situation.

2. Second, remain as one group and discuss which projects you wish to choose. Your president should lead this discussion.

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Suggested Projects

Devotional Committee—Your committee is kept busy planning and helping with each topic, but for that extra project to show your "Thanksliving," why not plan a devotional program for the shut-ins at a nearby rest home? Use young people to prepare talks to give or have your pastor give the talk with the young people reading Scripture and singing solos or group numbers. This is "Thanksliving."

Lookout Committee—Are there newcomers in your community who have not been visited by anyone from your church? Why not start a "welcoming committee" which makes a visit to each new family, giving them printed information your church may have available, such as a Sunday bulletin, Sunday school papers, or a brochure listing your services.

Be prepared to get necessary information from the family which will help Sunday school teachers and your pastor to make further calls. Ask your pastor or some other qualified person to give your group a training session as to how best to call and what to do after you are there.

Missionary Committee—How long has it been since you have had a prayer meeting to pray for your missionaries? Many missionaries come back from foreign fields telling that the most urgent need isn't money or more missionaries or additional supplies but more earnest prayer from Christians at home. From whatever source is available to you, find out some specific needs of certain missionaries, and then pray for them in a special prayer meeting or in your regular meetings. This is "Thanksliving."

Another way to show gratitude for missions is to gather offerings of money to send to the mission fields. Also, find out what things can be collected or made by your group to send to some mission station. Some missionaries appreciate receiving old Sunday school papers. There are many worthy projects which different mission agencies can suggest for your society. Check with the American Bible Society as to its plan for a monthly Bible gift around the world.

Social Committee—Are there underprivileged children living in or near your community? If so, plan a party for them, one they'll never forget. Make arrangements for invitations, games, favors you have made, decorations, prizes, and refreshments. Make sure it is well planned and that there are plenty of adult helpers. Ask your counselor or pastor to help with the planning. Close with a time of devotions geared to the age of those present. This is "Thanksliving."

Still anther idea is to plan an entire party for all the members and friends of your congregation.

Church Activity Committee—Look around the church for things which your committee could do to improve the appearance of your classrooms or other rooms. Be sure to check with your pastor or chairman of the trustees before you plan or do anything definite. And if you start a project of this kind, be sure to finish it!

There might be some cleaning, lawn work, painting, window washing, or repairing which your group could help do. There might be some projects which have gone undone because adults haven't had time to do them. Are there enough bulletin boards for each classroom? Attractive ones can be made of acoustical tile, cork tile, or fiberboard. If you have more time than money, useful boards can also be made from heavy cardboard.

Perhaps the teachers of some younger classes would appreciate having rhythm band instruments. These can be made cheaply and easily out of home articles. Some children's classes might enjoy having a portable puppet stage made out of a large cardboard furniture box. This is "Thanksliving."

Many practical ideas can be obtained from how-to-do-it books available at Bible bookstores. Such books are also available at your public library.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 12 A Thanksgiving Psalm Psalm 24:1-6
T. Nov. 13 A Psalm of Praise Psalm 34:1-10
W. Nov. 14 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Lamentations 3:22-32
T. Nov. 15 Thankful for Friends Ephesians 1:15-23
F. Nov. 16 For Christian Fellowship Philippians 1:3-11
S. Nov. 17 For Eternal Life John 3:16,17
Sun. Nov. 18—Topic: Father, We Thank Thee Psalm 105:1-5

"Thou Art but a Youth"

I Samuel 17:32-37

hat Is Our Aim?

To be most effective, this topic should ve a twofold purpose. It should:

(1) Help Junior Highs to realize that od and one constitute a majority" en when the odds are against them. should also show them the only thing cause the defeat of a Christian young rson is a lack of complete consecra- n to Christ.

(2) Introduce your group to the cur- nt Citizenship Awards Program spon- ed by the International Society of ristian Endeavor. For details see this d the August issue of *The Christian deavor World.* Attempt to help your oup to see that they would benefit as society and that the whole Christian ideavor movement would be extended they are willing to put forth the time d effort to participate in such a pro- am.

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Posters for this topic could be simply oups of young people pictured with e caption *Thou Art but a Youth,* giv- g the information regarding the time d place of your meeting.

If you have a talented artist to call , have a picture drawn showing David d Goliath with a background of ap- opriate scenery.

To emphasize the Christian citizen- ip theme, you could have a poster nilar to one used to enlist men and)men into military service. Advertise e particulars of your meeting along th the admonition to "enlist as Chris- n youth in Christ's service."

Have one of your youngest (and small-) members give an announcement of ur meeting in the Sunday School serv- just prior to your date. He should ve a short talk along these lines: "I a 'but a youth' as David was when killed Goliath. With the help of the rd, David was able to accomplish this eat thing. There are many giants for e to conquer. 'Trusting in the Lord sus Christ for strength,' as our Chris- n Endeavor pledge states, I can over- me these giants. Come help us dis- ss this at our Christian Endeavor eeting *(give time and place).*"

To the Counselor

Youth needs bolstering occasionally. With world conditions as they are today young people realize the futility of a very dim, almost unforeseeable future. They need to know the confidence expressed in the words, "I know not what the future holds, but I know Who holds my future." They need to see the necessity of their taking their places in this uncertain world as Christian citizens. They need the knowledge and assurance that though they are but young people they can fully trust in the Lord and He can use them mightily for His plans and purposes.

You can help bolster your group by asking the leader for the opportunity to give them a brief "pep talk." You might base this on Philippians 1:6, in which Paul says, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Liken your words to his words, your young people to the Christians at Philippi—and go on from there!

Program Suggestions

Appropriate hymns, selected from *Christian Endeavor Songs,* could include the following:

Are Ye Able, Said the Master (36)
Beneath the Cross of Jesus (40)
Give of Your Best to the Master (5)
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (55)
If Your Heart Keeps Right (99)

A fitting duet for the occasion would be *I Surrender All,* found on page 33 of *Christian Endeavor Songs.*

This would be a fine time to have several of your group who have become Christians to give their testimonies. Be sure to ask them beforehand, telling them to emphasize the fact that though they are young, Christ is using them to serve Him.

Introduction to the Topic

There are many possibilities for presenting this topic. Your young people surely enjoy flannelgraph every so often, and since the story in the Scripture lesson is that of David and Goliath, it would be easy to borrow the necessary materials from a Sunday school teacher. As a leader you will find it is great fun to use flannelgraph, even if it is just for five minutes to introduce the topic.

Many children's Bible teachers also use puppets to present the Bible stories, and it may be that you could borrow some of these also. There is a song called *How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea?* which has a verse "How did David kill the giant?" This is found in *Salvation Songs for Children—No. 4.* Perhaps your members would enjoy singing this as they did as Juniors.

Another way to introduce this topic would be to read the Scripture and comment briefly on the very familiar story, stressing the following points:

(1) David volunteered for a very difficult task (17:32). How often are we timid and afraid when asked to do something for the Lord? We should remember God never asks us to do anything He will not help us do.

(2) Devotion to the Lord is often as important as years of experience. If we truly love Him, He will enable us to do things we could never begin to do in our feeble inexperience.

(3) God had been preparing David in his experiences as a shepherd for this encounter with Goliath (17:34-36a). When we are Christians, God uses all that He permits to happen to us to prepare us for the things He wants us to do for His glory.

(4) David knew Goliath must be destroyed because He had sinned against God's people (17:36b). God always cares for His own, and this should give us a wonderful feeling when we know we belong to Him.

(5) David had confidence in God's ability and willingness to help him (17:37). We should never doubt God's nearness and His promise to take care of us at all times.

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Developing the Topic

There are three ways you might develop a good discussion of this topic.

I. Chalkboard Discussion

On a large board place the words "Thou art but a youth, who—" on the left hand side at the top. On the right, place the words "But thou art a youth, who—". On the left hand side you will place what we shall call the "disadvantages of being a youth" and on the right the "advantages of being a youth who knows Christ." You could call the left hand side the "giants to kill" and the right hand side the "weapons to use."

GIANTS: "Thou art but a youth, who—"

1. *does not know everything.* Those who are associated with young people remind them of this sometimes. Indeed, we teen-agers must realize that our parents, teachers, and counselors have "been around" longer than we have and have had the benefit of many experiences in life. We must discover that it is "good advice to take advice" when it comes from someone older and wiser.

2. *can be headstrong and stubborn.* This is a trait not confined to youth, but we must admit that we certainly can be this way at times. These traits show especially in our relationships with our parents. A Christian youth must ask Christ to help him overcome these faults.

3. *is sometimes frightened.* With world conditions as they are, a person would not be telling the truth if he said there was nothing to be afraid of. The important thing is to know we are living under the care of Him who created the universe and is still in control.

4. *has many problems.* Problems arise for us in many areas—family problems, school problems, problems of getting along with other people, problems of a social nature (where to go and what to do in spare time), etc. Recognizing that we have these problems is the first step in solving them.

WEAPONS: "But thou art a youth who—"

1. *knows Christ as Saviour and Lord.* For a young person confession of Christ should be first and foremost. It is indeed the first of the great principles of our Christian Endeavor movement.

2. *can live within the will of God.* A Christian should stay close to the Saviour and lean on Him for guidance at all times and in all places. A young person should pray constantly that God's Holy Spirit will reveal God's will for his life. Then with God's help he should strive to follow that plan.

3. *knows God will take care of His children.* There is never a time or a situation in life when we need be alone. Indeed, in the words of a familiar hymn we find this truth, "He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone." Thus, when God is always with us, what need we fear?

4. *knows "Christ is the answer to all of our problems."* When this fact is believed and we are living in His will, He will either (1) dissolve our problem, or (2) show us how to live with it.

Add to this list other points of your own choosing. Encourage the group to discuss each one. You will notice the numbers listed in the first column correspond with those listed in the second. In other words, where there is a "giant" there is also a "weapon" to kill him.

II. Citizenship Panel

Have a panel consisting of four or five of your society members discuss the subject "How Christian Young People Can Help Make Our Nation Spiritually Strong."

This discussion could be divided into the following areas, naming ways Christian citizenship can be shown in each of these areas:

(1) Home
(2) Church
(3) School
(4) Community

This will take some preparation on the part of your panel members. As leader you should have some good suggestions ready. Your pastor could probably help you with this. Suggestions could brought out for projects your socie could sponsor to promote Christian C izenship. Perhaps one could be plann as an entry in the Citizenship Awar Program.

III. Bible Quiz

The following is a list of people fr Old Testament times who were a ble ing to the nation Israel in their you

You might have a quiz, giving so facts as hints and having your gro guess who the character is each tim or you might read the Scripture ref ence, leaving out the name of the ch acter in the passage and having the gro tell who it is. A third plan would be assign the Scriptures to various membe and have each read his passage and th comment briefly on the character it d scribes.

1. Daniel	Daniel 1:8-
2. Joseph	Genesis 41:37-
3. Samuel	I Samuel 2:26; 3
4. David	II Samuel 5:1
5. Josiah	II Chronicles 34:1
6. Esther	Esther 2:8-10; 4:10-
7. Ruth	Ruth 1:14-18; 4:13-

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 19 Jonathan's Helper I Samuel 20:35
T. Nov. 20 A Captive Girl II Kings 5:
W. Nov. 21 A Girl and Her People Esther 2:8
T. Nov. 22 Four Brave Lads Daniel 1:8
F. Nov. 23 A Boy and His Lunch John 6:5
S. Nov. 24 Paul's Nephew Acts 23:16
Sun. Nov. 25—Topic: "Thou Art but a Yout I Samuel 17:32

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counse for the young people's society at Faith Evang cal Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where husband is minister

What's Your Advice?

As a conclusion to your meeting, no matter which way you have chosen to present the topic, divide the group into A, B, and C buzz groups. Give them a few minutes to discuss these true-to-life problems and then call them back together to discuss the situations with the whole group.

A. Nancy's parents are not Christians and have little use for the church. She went to Sunday school with a neighbor and met some young people there. They invited her to Christian Endeavor, and when she attended a few meetings she became very interested. At a rally she accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour. When she told her parents of her decision, they forbade her to go to church again or even to see her new friends. They told her she was "too young to know her own mind." What advice would you give Nancy?

B. Your Christian Endeavor society is very active doing worthwhile things in the church. Most people welcome your members into the life of the church and encourage them to participate in the services. There are a few, however, who say that the young people are running the church and that they are not experienced enough to know what is best. What should be your attitude in meeting this problem?

C. Jack attended a church camp this past summer and felt the Lord calling him to full-time Christian service. He has talked to his Christian Endeavor counselor about this, but he is afraid to tell his parents because they have always wanted him to be a doctor, like his father and grandfather. He is only 13 years old. Do you think he should keep quiet about this and "see what develops" or risk starting a fuss in the family?

Topics FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

On the Rim of East Asia

Matthew 28:11-20

Our Aims

1. To develop a sympathetic approach to the problems and plight of people bordering on Communist China.
2. To quicken our sense of responsibility for our brothers in Christ in distant lands and to remove prejudice and misunderstanding.
3. To feel anew the unity that is ours in Christ and to channel increased compassion for our less fortunate brethren into an effective program of brotherhood.
4. To discover what we young people can do in specific areas both directly and indirectly.
5. To stimulate further study of the Rim of East Asia through reading and discussing the mission study books on our age level.

romoting the Meeting

This is the annual foreign mission udy theme selected by 28 cooperating enominations. We are asked to center ır thoughts and our prayers upon the ggressive and consecrated Christian inority in Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan Formosa), and Hong Kong, where live 3 million people and where Christianity ıd Communism are in constant conflict.

A wealth of helpful program material available by writing to your denomiıtional headquarters. Also, a descripve booklet can be secured free upon quest to our International Society, 221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, hio. Program helps include maps, filmrips, plays, worship resources, advertisg posters, and recreational suggestions.

Your program for this meeting can be eveloped in many ways in harmony ith your desires and the talents of your oup. You might show a film and follow ith a discussion period, or you could e one of the special dramas. Or you ay desire to divide your society into ur groups in a contest as each group lects one country and tries to present e most informing summary of that untry's Christian activity and pressing oblems. Again you may prefer to lect one of the mission study books and ve each of four speakers review one of e four chapters, or you might make a ore comprehensive study of a single untry. Another plan would be to dress ur of your members as travelers from these countries and report the impressions of their visits.

Naturally, as Christians, we are most interested in studying the religious conditions and in learning what the churches are doing to help solve the tremendous social and economic problems. Early planning and aggressive promotion are vital. Get busy.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Period
Scriptural Roll Call: Quote missionary verses
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:11-20
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
Purpose and Plan of Meeting
Reports from Four Countries
Discussion
Hymn: *There's a New Day Dawning*
Benediction

Report from Korea

Though called "Land of the Morning Calm," Korea has been anything but calm through much of its long history, which extends back at least to the 12th century B. C. It is a mountainous peninsula, about six hundred miles long and one hundred fifty miles wide, with a climate about the same as the Northern part of the United States. The Koreans can boast of a well-developed culture which included the use of movable metal type in printing before Columbus discovered America or Gutenberg invented his printing press in 1450.

A recent war resulted in the establishment of two Koreas, divided by the thirty-eighth parallel. North Korea concentrates on heavy industry because of its natural resources of water power, timber, coal, iron ore, and a wide variety of minerals. The iron heel of the Communists has stamped out individual liberties and destroyed freedom of religion, especially Christianity.

In South Korea, upon land denuded by war, are crowded 22 million of the total 30 million Koreans. Agriculture and fishing are the chief means of support, since most of the mineral resources are in North Korea. A rather autocratic form of democracy, first established by Syngman Rhee, has fostered the arts and given Christianity unhampered freedom to compete with Chinese Confucianism, Indian Buddhism, and Siberian Shamanism. As a result, there is no official religion. Confucianism, however, holds the leading place with many shrines throughout all South Korea and with a national shrine in Seoul, the capital city. Christians form a consecrated and zealous minority of about two million.

The first Protestant missionary was an American physician, Dr. Horace N. Allen, who became a permanent resident in 1884. He opened a hospital in Seoul to heal the body as a means of transforming a grateful soul into a follower of the Divine Physician. Other missionaries followed to launch an evangelistic and educational program on both sides of the thirty-eighth parallel. These early missionaries established policies which have given the Korean church a loyal and devoted membership. They insisted that the native churches be self-supporting as a defense against being "rice Christians." They stressed Bible study as the basis of personal faith and conduct.

The new converts were required to learn to read the Bible and to attend church regularly. Applicants for membership were given a long period of instruction which was followed by severe examinations. They were asked to promise not to drink, smoke, gamble, or break the Lord's Day and to give evidence that they had spoken about Christianity to non-Christians. The hardships of the postwar years further strengthened their faith and their determination to win Korea for Christ.

Report from Okinawa

The United States Army has transformed rural Okinawa into an island fortress some sixty miles long and two to twelve miles wide. Previously Japan had taken political control of the peace-lov-

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ing and defenseless Okinawans who had always sought to be on friendly terms with all nations and to avoid military alliances. After Japan's surrender, Okinawa was left a huge rubble heap with 90 percent of the people homeless and 100 thousand killed. Because of Okinawa's military value, the United States has since spent a billion dollars to build the island into a strategic military base. The presence of 60 thousand Americans has resulted in economic prosperity for the island but very little love for the unwelcomed invaders. The people still yearn for their old ways of life. They are bewildered and adrift on a sea of change and confusion.

Though the soldiers have brought to the island the usual military vices, there have been some atoning virtues. The military personnel have contributed generously to rebuild and restore churches destroyed during the war. They have helped erect a needed orphanage and have purchased curriculum supplies for the Church of Christ of Okinawa. They have distributed to the children vast quantities of food and numerous Christmas gifts. They conduct Sunday evening Bible study groups, social gatherings, and discussion groups in a volunteer effort to bring Christ to many native Okinawans.

In some of these military-sponsored church schools, a total of between seven and eight hundred children and parents are enrolled. In these and other forms of religious and humanitarian activities, the military personnel merit the prayers and increased cooperation of churches and young people's groups on the North American continent. Religious superstition still pervades much of the rural areas, while in the cities secularism and materialism threaten to replace an ancestral faith.

Christian missionaries first visited Okinawa during the first part of the nineteenth century but without much success. With the turn of the century, several denominations were more successful. In 1930 all missionaries were expelled by the Japanese conquerors, but they returned with the defeat of Japan. The Church of Christ now brings into unity most of the denominations at work on the island. It numbers 25 organized congregations and 30 preaching missions and operates two small hospitals and two nurseries for children of working mothers. Twenty full-time ministers and church workers help meet the spiritual needs of over three thousand members. In 1937 the Okinawa Christian Institute was organized with a two-year college curriculum and a faculty composed of missionaries and ministers.

Report from Taiwan

When the Portuguese traders sailed the Pacific in the sixteenth century, they marveled at the beauty of the large island off the Chinese mainland and named it Formosa, "the isle of beauty." The Asians, however, always called it Taiwan, or "terraced bay," because the island rises in a series of ascending hills and plateaus to a mountain height of ten thousand feet. Beautifully terraced tea gardens and rice paddies and great fields of sugar cane reveal the fertility of the soil, although only about one-third of the island is arable. The total area of the island is somewhat larger than Connecticut and Vermont combined, or about one-tenth larger than the island of Vancouver in Canada.

Next to Japan, Taiwan has the highest standard of living in Asia. Unemployment, however, is a serious problem due to the two million Chinese refugees from the mainland. Church World Service distributes hundreds of thousands of pounds of food, clothing, and other relief items to these escapees from Communistic tyranny. With the defeat of Japan in the World War, Taiwan was transferred from Japanese control to the Republic of China, in which Chiang Kai-shek still holds sway.

As on Okinawa, the first successful approach of Christianity among the inhabitants of Taiwan was through the ministry of healing. Famous early medical missionaries included Dr. James Maxwell, and Dr. Patrick Manson, who is known as the "father of tropical medicine." They have trained many native doctors to combine medical and spiritual healing in the name of Christ as they travel throughout the island in volunteer mobile clinics and supply their own ambulances, staffs, and supplies.

Report from Hong Kong

Hong Kong, meaning Harbor of Hope, charms the eye of the visitor as he gazes upon the entrancing beauty of its harbor. Yet great human misery and squalor are only partially hidden in the surrounding hills. Hong Kong was a desolate island, occupied by a small fishing population, when it was ceded to Great Britain in 1841 at the close of the Opium War. The island itself is only eleven miles long and from two to five miles wide. British control has been extended across the mile-wide channel to the Asian mainland to include the New Territories. The entire area is now called Hong Kong.

The constant influx of refugees fro Communist China is the all-absorbin humanitarian problem. Two-thirds of th three million population have fled fro behind the bamboo curtain, with six hu dred new refugees arriving each wee Some can find no shelter and becom sidewalk dwellers. Others exist in mak shift shacks on the many hillsides. Th new housing communities built by th government are pathetically inadequat and terribly crowded in an unselfis sharing of housing space. The hung and the sick, with no other homes tha the sidewalks, suffer the greatest miser They are the human backwash of wa revolution, and tyranny, and a consta challenge to the church to reveal mo sacrificially the spirit of a univers Saviour.

Many thousands of these refuge eventually find homes in the governme resettlement houses, where normally fi adults are assigned to a space ten t twelve feet. Others more fortunate m ascend to the hilltops where houses a provided by the various denomination missions. Typical of this type of housir is Bamboo Gardens. It consists of litt stone cottages that rent for a sm monthly fee. The tiny kitchen is n much bigger than a closet. Beneath t sink in the kitchen may be a chick coop with a chicken or two. In ni milk stations Church World Service fee a cup of milk and a package of crac ers to 52 thousand hungry children ea day.

Hong Kong has one of the highest pe centages of Christians of any area Asia with the exception of parts of I donesia. The Protestant population nur bers 140 thousand members who worsh in three hundred churches. The Rom Catholic Church claims equal numeric strength, thus making a total of ni percent of the total population. Chur membership has been increasing abo 13 percent each year for the past decad Even in the vilest parts of Kowloon, t church is at work upholding Him who the Light of the World.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 29 Fleeing from God Jonah 1:
T. Oct. 30 Preaching for God Jonah 3:1-
W. Oct. 31 Among the Heathen Psalm
T. Nov. 1 David's Concern I Chronicles 16:23-
F. Nov. 2 God's Help Acts 18:1-
S. Nov. 3 The Message of Missions I Corinthians 1:12-
Sun. Nov. 4—Topic: On the Rim of East As Matthew 28:11-

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylva

"In God We Trust"

Isaiah 26:1-21

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elude: *Faith of Our Fathers*
ll to Worship: Use the words of the first verse of the prelude hymn or the whole hymn if desired
vocation
mn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
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ripture Reading: Isaiah 26:1-21
mn: *This is My Father's World* or *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
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osing Hymn: *For Christ and the Church* or *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
osing Prayer

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Follow the patriotic theme in your sters. Plan for colorful personal invitions for each member on the absentee t and each person on the prospect list.

rojects to Stimulate Interest

1. Make a collection of items which ar the inscription "In God We Trust" r display at the time of the meeting. xamine money, stamps, official seals, id documents to see how many bear e name of God. If the inscriptions are Latin or another foreign language, ok in the dictionary to learn the full eaning of them. Newspapers and other eriodicals often carry a motto or quotion from Scripture; include these in ur display also.

Look also at the cornerstones and inriptions on public buildings such as urthouse, library, school, and post fice in your community and write down ie inscriptions which have some menon of God. Do you feel these mottoes id inscriptions are appropriately used? Announce this project several weeks advance so that the members have me to make a collection.

2. This date is a holiday of wide imortance to Americans. Have someone ow how the principles back of the otto "In God We Trust" may have ad strong influence on American history both the United States and Canada) relation to the event we remember day.

3. Make a study of the ways that faith God and obedience to Him can help bring about world peace. What are ur community and your church doing rough such agencies as homes for the ged, children's homes, missions, the Peace Corps, overseas relief, CROP, UNICEF, CARE, etc.? Consider both the strengths and the weaknesses of these and other agencies with which you are familiar.

Our Purpose

To learn and to heed what the familiar motto "In God We Trust" should mean to us individually and collectively.

Topic Introduction

In God we trust. *Which god?*

Such expressions as "In God we trust," "God bless you," and "Have faith in God" flow easily from the lips of many people and find their way into print in some unexpected places. What do they really mean? To which god do they refer? Do these expressions point to the true and living God? Do they really exalt Him?

When such expressions are used promiscuously, they may often dishonor God and mislead innocent and spiritually immature persons. Many times careless use of such terms gives the impression that God is at our command or that He is the "Roy Rogers" or "Lone Ranger" that we can expect to come to our rescue in times of difficulty.

On the other hand, "In God we trust" can be a testimony of firm confidence. It can express an assurance of unlimited strength when it is based on a firm and growing faith in God. It is more than just a nice-sounding expression to the person who has completely committed himself to God and is living that commitment. Complete commitment is the way to confidence. This commitment was often expressed by the apostle Paul *(read Romans 1:16; Galatians 2:20; II Timothy 1:12; 4:6-8)*. The motto "In God we trust" characterized the life of Paul, and it should describe our lives too.

Talks on the Topic

1. What is a god?

Long ago God commanded that "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. . . . Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them nor serve them. . . . Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:3-7).

The three elements expressed here which define the God-relationship are: worship, service, and identification with the name. These are the highest expressions of faith and trust.

The Bible continually reminds us of the dangers of idolatry. Idolatry is the opposite of trust in God. In Colossians 3:5 the Apostle Paul equates covetousness and idolatry. This leaves us facing the fact that anything which we desire strongly enough can become an idol to us. It is, therefore, necessary to be on guard at all times so that we keep our human desires secondary to our love and devotion to the one true and living God.

2. Who is the one true and living God? How can we know Him?

When we open the Bible and read its first verse we learn that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." As we read further, we learn that He created all things that are in the universe. God not only created all things, but He also continues to sustain His creation. He even makes known to us the invisible things of Himself through the visible things of the creation *(read Romans 1:18-25)*.

God has further revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus. The nature of God is clearly seen in the life of Jesus and the work that He accomplished both in His life and through His death and resurrection.

God has also given to us the Bible, which is to us the tangible revelation of Himself today. It preserves for us the record of the life of Christ and God's many expressions of His great love for man.

He has given to us even more—His own presence in us. Through the person of the Holy Spirit within the be-

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liever He strengthens us for living, instructs us for growth, guides us into an understanding of the spiritual truths contained in the Bible, and leads us into fruitful service for Christ and the Church.

3. What does it mean to trust in God? First, one must know of God and His promises. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6b). In his letter to the Romans Paul raised the question, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). Trust comes by knowledge of that one in whom one trusts. Knowledge grows by experience.

"In God we trust" should have special significance to the Christian Endeavorer. The opening statement of the pledge clearly defines what it means to trust in God. Our strength is in Him, and in His service life reaches its highest fulfillment. *(Consider the entire pledge, whichever form you use, and see that it defines the Christian Endeavorer's relationships to God, to the church, and to our fellow men. Read it together.)*

To say that one trusts in God and then to neglect to read the Bible, which is the Word of God, is false pretense. To say that one trusts in God and then to neglect to call upon Him in prayer until one is in trouble is self-deception. To say that one trusts in God when he lives for self is double-mindedness, and this is instability *(read James 1:8)*.

All of us need to face the facts—as individuals, as a church, and as a nation. Make an honest evaluation and check-up of *yourself*. Where is your trust? Is it in God or in "things"? What percentage of your time do you devote to God? What part of your energy do you give to Christian activity? How much time do you spend thinking about God and His goodness? How many times does God come into your conversation and help you to leave a positive witness as to what He means to you in your life?

When you are faced with choices, is God's will of utmost importance to you? How much of your leisure reading do you devote to spiritually nourishing materials, including the Bible? What percentage of your allowance or wages do you give for the carrying on of the work of sharing the Gospel with the unbelieving world? Do you prefer television and other amusements to worship services, Christian fellowship, and daily service for Christ and your fellow men?

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). Your time, energy, mental ability, physical abilities, and friendship are your most valuable treasures. Where are they concentrated? Where are they being invested? Are they invested for material or for spiritual gain?

It may well be said that where your heart interests center, here too the soul will pour out its worship and place its trust. Here too will energy, time, and life itself be invested and poured out in service.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is it possible for the following to become a god to young people today?
   A car?
   Sports?
   Romantic love?
   Scholastic achievement?
   Entertainment?
   Ambitions for financial prosperity?
   Ambitions for leadership?
   "Being good?"
   Religion? There is a difference between religion and Christianity.
   What else do you feel should be added to the list?

2. Most items of the above list are all right in themselves when kept in proper balance. How does one maintain proper balance that keeps all these things in a Christian perspective? Is Matthew 6:33, 34 a practical guide for youth today?

3. What daily practices can one develop to help him live by the motto "In God we trust?"

4. Do you feel that most professing Christian young people do consciously trust in God? Why do you answer thus? Can you give illustrations?

5. Is it as necessary for young people as for older people to trust consciously in God?

6. What influence will a firm trust in God have on your future? Will it make a difference in your choice of a lifework? In your choice of a life companion? Why?

7. Will faith in God make a difference in your school work? Why do you answer thus?

Alternate Program Suggestion

Plan a panel discussion by several of your members and/or invited adult leaders on the subject "World Peace and Trust in God"

Here are suggested areas for discussion:

Trust in God produces love for all people.

Trust in God removes barriers of fear and mistrust: racial, social, economic, etc.

Trust in God seeks good for all men: education, standard of living, worship, fellowship, opportunity.

Trust in God is a challenge to demonstrate Christlike living, to share the Gospel with the unbelieving world (unbelievers here at home as well as abroad).

Trust in God is man's only hope: individually, nationally, and internationally.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 5 Nation in Revolt Jeremiah 2:1
T. Nov. 6 Forgiveness in Repentance Jeremiah 3:12
W. Nov. 7 Call to Repentance Jeremiah 4:1
T. Nov. 8 Consequences of Rejection Jeremiah 17:
F. Nov. 9 Expression of Repentance Lamentations 5:1
S. Nov. 10 Cause for a National Holiday Psalm 33:1
Sun. Nov. 11—Topic: "In God We Trust." Isaiah 26:1

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, general secretary of Christian Education for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ

Suggestions for Committees

1. CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE. This topic should stimulate interest in your citizenship activity or inspire such a project if you do not already have one in process. See details of the Citizenship Awards Program in this issue and the August issue of The Christian Endeavor World.

Study ways in which the relationship between trust in God and good citizenship are expressed and demonstrated: in your local community, in your state or provincial government, in and through your church.

This would be a good time to list and study ways in which your society can demonstrate the Christian Endeavor principle of "faith in God" in positive everyday action. Faith needs to be expressed in works *(read James 2:17,18)*. Endeavor to make your whole church and community conscious of the relation of your faith in God to your everyday citizenship.

2. LOOKOUT COMMITTEE. You have the opportunity of demonstrating the importance of this topic in the lives of youth by personally contacting all absentee and former members who are still living within reach of your society. Review your prospect list and launch a real membership drive in the next few weeks. Make an effort to win your associate members into full membership and bring in more new associate members as well.

My Life--a Thank You

Psalm 116:1-9,16-18

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

romoting the Meeting

Make a poster for display in a conicuous place a week before your meetg. On your poster draw a horn of enty with eye-catching contents spillg out. Under this, suggest that we ıve received physical and material enefits, and state that we have also en given spiritual blessings. Ask everyıe to come to discuss these blessings ıd to ponder upon God's goodness at e Thank You meeting. Ask *Is Your hristian life a Thank You and a real itness to God?*

Alternative publicity. Make an actual orn of plenty and use real fruit and egetables coming from it onto a table, ith a similar poster behind the table.

uggested Program

re-Prayer Service
relude: *This Is My Father's World*
inison Scripture Reading: Psalm 100.
ymn: *America the Beautiful*
rayer
nnouncements and Offering
cripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-9,16-18
eader's Introduction
ymn: *The Old Rugged Cross* (verses 1,3) or *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* (1,3)
roup Activity: Naming of Blessings
iscussion of Questions
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entence Prayers
losing Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
enediction

Method A
eader's Pre-Meeting Planning

Have a chalkboard and chalk ready nd up in front and a good writer and peller ready to write the suggestions n the board as members name them.

A good leader should have the references (listed later under Blessings) all ooked up and typed on a sheet of paper, EFORE the meeting. Then, when a lessing is named, if no Scripture is ited, you can quickly quote your reference from this prepared sheet, and this se of God's Word to undergird your lessings list will add much richness to our meeting.

Remember that this is an important neeting. Do this pre-planning carefully nd well. It is hoped that you will have n unusually large group present. Strive or maximum group participation.

Suggestions for Introduction

Welcome to everyone, as each of you has come to join in this privilege of participating in a Thanksgiving service.

Ephesians 5:20 encourages us to give thanks always for all things. Our Pilgrim fathers had a Thanksgiving, but they weren't the first to do so. The feast of harvest was held by the Israelites long before, as commanded in Exodus 23:16 and Leviticus 23:10. While we give thanks at meals, at private devotions, at church services, and at the observance of the Lord's Supper, still it is well for us to have a certain day set aside on which to give God our special thanks. We Christians should not only be the leaders in giving true thanks on this day set aside for thanksgiving to God, but we should also live our entire lives as a thank you to Him, for His great love toward us and for His unspeakable Gift to us. We often become too involved in life and its problems and overlook the necessity and blessings we should receive in thanking God and fellow men. If we thus become wrapped up in other things, even though they may be good in themselves, we miss the true goal and purpose of the Christian life, that of glorifying Him. Let us pause a few moments in our hurried life to think of some of His blessings and to thank Him for them in this meeting tonight.

Now we would like to have each of you think especially of the blessings and benefits which you have personally received from God's hand during this year. I would like to have each of you, if possible, name such a blessing, which *(name of person)* will write on this chalkboard. We will try to list each one under the heading of a spiritual blessing or a material benefit. If you are able to give a Scripture reference regarding your blessing, it will greatly enrich our meeting.

Here is an example: *I am thankful for Christian fellowship. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another" (I John 1:7).*

As you are thinking of your particular blessing or benefit, let us sing verses one and three of hymn ———, thinking of how thankful we should be to our Maker for this blessing.

Conducting the Meeting

Have your secretary ready with chalk in hand at the chalkboard. Encourage members to give words or items for which they are thankful. Have the secretary arrange the proposals under spiritual blessings on the one side and material benefits on the other side. As members stand to give a blessing and a reference with it, have each tell very briefly why he is thankful for that particular thing. Do not make the reference a requirement, however, and thus discourage participation by those who may come more seldom and who do not have a reference at their tongue's tip. As one gives a blessing, at times another might be encouraged to expand on it and name a reference. Scripture, even though not strictly necessary for each item, still ties our thoughts to our guide, the Word of God.

Try to keep this group activity lively, endeavoring to have as many as possible take part. A list of some of the blessings and benefits likely to be named is hereby given, together with some references on these points. Do not use these to deaden the meeting; don't give them out to be slowly and laboriously found and read, and thus to slow the Spirit. If no reference is forthcoming, you may suggest some of these which you have typed out, as you feel led.

Suggested List of Blessings

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

God's love (I John 3:1)
Salvation (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9)
Holy Spirit's guidance (John 16:13)
Keeping power (II Timothy 1:12)
Privilege of witnessing (Matthew 5:16)

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God's Word (Psalm 119:11; Luke 4:36)

Worship and praise (Psalm 92:1; John 4:23)

Love for others (I John 3:14)

Peace in Him (II Thessalonians 3:16)

Christian Fellowship (I Peter 1:22)

Parents, Sunday school teachers, and ministers (II Timothy 1:5; Ephesians 4:11, Matthew 28:19,20)

Prayer, and One who answers (Psalm 65:2; Matthew 21:22)

MATERIAL BENEFITS

Health and strength (Isaiah 40:31; James 5:14,15)

Food (Matthew 6:11,25-34)

Homes and families (Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 10:1)

Schools (Proverbs 22:6)

Government (Romans 13:1-4)

Other items may be added to these lists.

Do not try to get this complete list from your group, or to get them in order; just get suggestions from members as the Spirit leads. Then from the lists of blessings, quickly go into the discussion of the questions below.

Method B

Pre-Planning for Leader

You had a cornucopia on your bulletin board to advertise this meeting. Now prepare a real horn of plenty with one type of real fruit, or several kinds of fruit if you have them available. If you have no chance to prepare a horn of plenty, use a large, decorated basket filled with fruit. You may turn the basket on one side to allow the audience to see the contents and for the contents to run out onto a table. On the side of either the basket or cornucopia, write *Thanksgiving Blessings from God's Storehouse.*

On the side of each of the fruits, tape a slip of paper. Each slip should contain one of the blessings listed previously in these comments, plus the Scripture reference for that particular item for which we should be thankful. For instance, the first slip might read, *I am thankful for God's love.* "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (I John 3:1). You will need to have at least seventeen slips taped to seventeen pieces of fruit, or if you think of more blessings, add them and place like slips on additional fruit.

Leader's Introduction

Use the first two paragraphs of the Leader's Introduction as suggested in the first method. Omit the third paragraph from first method, and insert this as the last paragraph of the introduction:

After thinking together of His blessings, let us all stand and sing verses one and three of hymn ——, thinking of how thankful we should be to our Maker for the many blessings He has so faithfully showered upon us during this past year.

Conducting the Meeting

After the song, have two helpers come forward to place the cornucopia, or basket of fruit, on the table, with the fruits of blessings from the Lord spilling slowly over the table. Now have the Christian Endeavorers come forward, one at a time, to take out one of the fruits, take the taped slip from its side and read the blessing and the Scripture verse to the entire group. If a chalkboard is available, a person could jot down blessings and references on it for the benefit of any who might wish to take notes or make records of the blessings and verses.

After having had all the references taken from the fruit and read, now go quickly into the discussion of the questions.

Questions for Discussion

1. *Why was Thanksgiving instituted?*
2. *Has the significance of Thanksgiving changed any today? If so, why?*
3. *How can the blessings of which we have spoken be received?*
4. *Do we Christians set the right example in thanking God continually for these blessings and benefits?*
5. *Are we using our talents to express our thanks in God's service?*
6. *Do our gifts and tithes show our thanks to Him?*
7. *What are we doing to uphold Christ to others during this Thanksgiving season?*
8. *When life's ultimate and greatest crisis, Death, faces us, which item from the list will then be most important?*
9. *Has God answered prayer for you?*
10. *Does your life manifest His answers to your prayers, and His blessings to you?*

Illustrative Incident

During World War II, an antisubmarine squadron of the air arm of the United States Navy was stationed in South America. Its job was to keep the sea lanes free from submarines and to escort convoys of freighters. On one night-long antisub sweep, a Martin Mariner seaplane developed engine trouble. One of its two engines finally lost a cylinder, and the propeller had to be adjusted. The remaining engine could not maintain the plane's altitude, even at full throttle, and so the crew was ordere to throw everything overboard, to lighte the plane. Guns, ammunition, bomb radios, bunks, food, all went overboar In an all-out effort to maintain the pla in the air, even maps, watches, a extra clothing went out, and everythi that could be unscrewed went too. T plane settled down to a few feet off t water, where the cushioning effect a the lightening of the plane allowed t crew to struggle along until they final arrived back at base, after daylight.

Landing was merely a matter of se tling down a few more feet onto pr tected waters. The haggard crew w soon debriefed, and the men dragge themselves to the mess hall. But som thing made the weary men pause befo eating. One of the men voiced t thoughts of the whole crew, "Fellows, v are mighty thankful to be back he around this table this morning. Ca knows how to pray. Let's ask him express our thanks to God for havi brought us safely back to this meal, b fore we eat our breakfast this morning

Christian Endeavorer, has your lig and life been a continual thank you God, so that others have seen that y have been with Christ, and that th can turn to you to have you pray f them when they are in trouble or a especially thankful for deliverance? "L your light so shine before men, th they may see your good works, a glorify your Father which is in heaven Let your lives be a constant thank y to God!

Ask those who lead in sentence pra ers at the close to pray for daily streng to be living, witnessing thank you's God for His grace.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 12 Sustaining Presence Philippians 4:
T. Nov. 13 Judgment Psalm 96:1-
W. Nov. 14 Justice Matthew 25:31-
T. Nov. 15 Understanding Psalm 103:1-
F. Nov. 16 Mercy Psalm 107:1-
S. Nov. 17 Forgiveness Ephesians 1:1-
Sun. Nov. 18—Topic: My Life—a Thank Y Psalm 116:1-9, 16-

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The Pause That Refreshes

Psalm 122

omoting the Meeting

From various magazines cut out Coca-la advertisements in color. Paste these large sheets of construction paper various complementary colors. In bold ers print the question above the pic-e, *Is this the only pause that refreshes?* ow the picture print, "Come to Chris-n Endeavor on (day of the week and e), at (place), at (hour) and find ." Put these posters in conspicuous l appropriate places in the church l Sunday school.

At least two weeks previous to the eting invitations to the members of society and other young people you uld like to have join you should be t out. These can be in the form of a tal card. On the correspondence side te either Coca-Cola bottles or caps out of advertisements. If small in , then paste one in each of the upper ners. If larger, then paste only one ng either side. Then write in long-d, "Is this the only pause that re-shes?" Underneath this write, "You cordially invited to join us on (day l date), at (place), at (hour) to find . We shall be expecting you." This uld be signed by the one or ones ponsible for sending out the invitations h the name of the group beneath.

idance for the Leader

f possible, secure a large copy of ffman's painting *Christ in the Garden Gethsemane* or Durer's painting *Pray-Hands.* So hang this painting that nay form part of a worship center. a small table beneath the picture e two candlesticks with candles. Be-en them place an open Bible.

The material for this topic can be pre-ted in the form of a panel. Have e of the members of your group pre-e a ten minute talk on one of the ects of the subject as suggested in comments. Give to each speaker a tle of Coca-Cola. As each speaker s to give his talk let him lift his tle and say, "This may be the pause t refreshes one physically, but I find t the pause that really refreshes me prayer, Bible reading, or worship, as case may be)." The leader should prepared to introduce the subject as l as conclude with a brief summary ore opening up the meeting for fur-r discussions.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Appropriate Recorded Music
Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture Reading: Psalm 122
Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Announcements
Offering
Presentation of Topic
Discussion
Distribution of Quiet Hour folders and enrollment cards
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

The leader should point out that just as the body needs rest and nourishment in order to recharge itself and function at its best, so does the spirit of man if virtue is to grow, evil within is to be overcome, and physical energies are to be harnessed to worthwhile endeavors and noble causes.

Industry, the business world, and the schools recognize the need of these pauses that refresh whether they be called coffee breaks, rest periods, or recesses. Labor unions insist on them in their contracts with employers. A study made a number of years ago by a management consultant firm revealed that the efficiency and productivity of employees was greatly increased by a fifteen-minute break in the morning and another in the afternoon. In so doing, companies did not lose money as had been feared. Rather, they more than made up for the cost of these in having less rejected work and a greater output.

Christ and His Church knows that man also needs pauses which refresh the spiritual nature of humankind. Living, with its tensions, its strains, its demands, its hectic pace, takes its toll of man's spiritual energies so that he too begins to operate less efficiently in productivity, in moral decisions, and in relationships with others and God. To check this drain on spiritual vitality with its consequent effects in lowered morality and sorry compromises with the standards

of the world, there are certain pauses which the godly person should take to revitalize and recharge this important aspect of his nature. Let us consider some of these.

First Speaker (Bible Reading)

Since the Bible is the written record of God's self-disclosure of His character and will to man, if we would come to know God better and what He desires us to do for Him, then we should read it daily and prayerfully. Since this self-disclosure of God has come through the experiences of men and groups in the hands of God, there is no experience in life that we are likely to have but that finds its counterpart therein and so can guide us in the same situation.

Jesus' example ought to inspire us to be as ardent readers and lovers of God's Word as was He. He found it a necessary pause and was refreshed by it. Jesus used the Bible as His defense against temptation. *(In this connection let the speaker refer to Matthew 4:1-11 as an illustration of this truth. Let him point out how Jesus defended Himself by quoting Scripture He had memorized. Let him also point out that as we read the Bible we too should memorize verses which speak to us in a special way and thereby lay up ammunition for future battles.)*

Jesus used the Bible for inspiration. It was as hard for Jesus as it is for us today to be true to His ideals. There were those in His own home who did not believe in Him *(see Mark 3:21; John 7:5; 10:20).* The doubt and suspicion He had to contend with increased His difficulties in this respect *(see Matthew 13:57; Luke 4:24; John 4:44).* But, from His Old Testament references it is easy to see with whom He talked and walked to receive this inspiration to be true to His best. He walked with Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and Isaiah, to mention some *(see Matthew 17:1-8).* By a similar acquaintance with these departed heroes of the faith through reading God's Word can they be our friends to inspire us to a like devotion to our noblest ideals and our loftiest goals.

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Again, Jesus used the Bible as the chart and compass of His life. Over and over again we read that certain things were done or said in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled *(see Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:49; Luke 24:27; John 13:18; 17:12).* He modeled His life on the pattern of the Messiah as drawn by the prophets of the Old Testament *(see Luke 4:16-21).* So can the Bible serve as the pattern of our life, informing us of every decision we have to make, every deed we have to do, every precept we have to follow.

By daily Bible reading will we refresh our spirits in being inspired, guided, and armed to fight the good fight.

Second Speaker (Prayer)

You know how good it is to be able to talk with someone about your problems and to share your joys and sorrows, your hopes and fears, your successes and failures. Well, prayer is conversation with God. It is a meeting with Him when we can both talk to Him and listen to Him speaking to us.

Have you ever realized just how large a place prayer played in Jesus' life? Whenever Jesus had to make important decisions He prayed first. One of the gravest decisions He had to make was the choosing from among His followers of the twelve who were to be His apostles *(see Luke 6:12-16).* Jesus prayed when He was most exhausted, tired out from the heavy demands made upon Him by the multitudes who followed Him *(see Matthew 14:15-23; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:15,16).* Jesus prayed before entering into temptation. The Garden of Gethsemane is the most sacred scene of prayer in His life because it was there that He had to settle finally the matter of going through with what was ahead *(read Matthew 26:36-46).* Contrast the victory of Jesus with the defeat of the apostles because they slept while He prayed. Again, Jesus died praying *(read Luke 26:46).* Such utter confidence at that time comes only as a result of years of cultivating the habit of prayer.

So may we through pausing to pray receive such blessings as these which will refresh our spirits and give heart and courage to carry on more successfully.

Third Speaker (Worship)

One of the most vital pauses for spiritual refreshment is worship in God's house on God's day. Through worship in the company of others we can tone up a sluggish conscience, revive fading hopes, quicken a sense of union with the Eternal and His ongoing purpose, clarify moral vision, and strengthen determination to realize good and noble purposes with life. In this respect also Jesus affords us an example *(read Luke 4:16).*

It is that we may have the freedom to devote ourselves without haste or anxiety to things spiritual that the Lord's Day has been appointed. God has so designed life that He has ordained a day of rest *(see Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 26:2; Deuteronomy 5:12-15).* Our government likewise recognizes this need by setting apart Sunday as a day of rest. Our natures are so tuned to the cycle of life that one day in seven is needed for such an opportunity. Voltaire, the French philosopher, who had little or no sympathy with Christianity, once said that the best way to destroy Christianity was to take away the Christian Sabbath. He knew that in so doing men's spirits would perish from lack of nourishment and with that death so would die the church the provider of this opportunity to refresh one's spirit in the company of like minded people.

The Dutch have a beautiful expression for Sunday. They call it *God's dik.* As the dikes of this country protect the people from inundation by the sea, Sunday protects men from the godless spirit that reigns throughout the rest of the week.

When asked why he went to church Oliver Wendell Holmes replied, "There is in me a plant called reverence and it must be fed and watered each week if it is to thrive." As was true for such a great man as he, so is it true for each of us. Worship is the pause that refreshes us in spirit and strengthens us in faith if we come seeking a blessing from God.

Leader's Conclusion

Let the leader briefly sum up the benefits from these pauses which refresh. Then let him direct any discussion that this meeting has provoked. Following the discussion he should pass out the Quiet Hour folders and enrollment cards. Ask each to read carefully and invite each to sign the card promising to keep the Quiet Hour each day.

Follow-Up Activities

Be sure to secure beforehand from the International Society the folder *What Is the Quiet Hour?* and the enrollment cards in sufficient quantity for your group. Each time the group meets during the following four weeks allow time to ask each one present if he or she is keeping the Quiet Hour and to relate how it is affecting daily living. When the month is up ask this question at least once a month.

Additional Resources

Shoemaker, S. M., "Act As If–" *Reader's Digest,* May, 1962.

McDonald, G. I. & Hansen, G., "In His Presence," *The Christian Endeavor World,* April, 1962.

Guidance to Counselors

See to it that the necessary Quiet Hour materials are ordered from Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus Ohio, far enough in advance so that they are on hand for the meeting. Study the folder and the card carefully so that you may explain the import and contents of the former, if necessary, as well as the implications of the card to be signed.

At least two weeks in advance of this meeting meet with the participants in this panel presentation and discuss how each plans to present his part of the subject. Try to have the presentation integrated by stressing a common denominator such as "the pause that refreshes." Let each speaker consider his talk in terms of pausing and refreshment and present his ideas in these terms.

Sometime during the week preceding the meeting have all gather again. Let each participant give his talk as if this were the real meeting. In consequence of this rehearsal let each judge the other's material for content, for practical suggestions offered, and for its integral relationship with the other talks. Have the criticisms and suggestions incorporated into the various presentations to the extent possible.

You may want to have a special service after the signing of the Quiet Hour cards to make the decision more meaningful. A suggestion for such a ritual is to have each one come forward with his or her signed card and form a semicircle around the worship center. Then, starting at the left, have each one deposit the card in an offering plate. When all have been gathered in this fashion, turn and face the worship center and have all sing the last verse of *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* as a prayer of dedication. After all have returned to their places, then conclude the meeting as given in the Suggested Program.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 19	God Paused	Genesis 2
T. Nov. 20	Thought	Philippians 4
W. Nov. 21	Repentance	Isaiah 55
T. Nov. 22	Worship	Psalm
F. Nov. 23	Prayer	Luke 11:
S. Nov. 24	Growth	Galatians 5:1

Sun. Nov. 25—Topic: The Pause That Refres Psalm

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

ıpic Summaries for November

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

ıdards of Conduct (two topics)

he Christian Home

overbs 31:10-31; Ephesians 5:19-
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home is a primary group in human The Christian home is the primary of the free world today. Too often Christian element is taken for granted, ever. It will not just happen; only lan and by discipline can the proper onment be created. Let the group olish minimum standards for Chris- home life. Consider the ways these ıot met; then discuss how they may ttained. Explore the benefits of in- ied knowledge and planning in these : the family altar, home budgeting, w relationships, sex adjustment, and ious activities. What are the prob- of the Christian home? The assets? uss the statement "There is more in the high chair than in the elec- hair."

s Your Home Fun?

Timothy 1:1-14; Colossians 3:12-25; overbs 15:1-21

our home fun? The affirmative an- to this question implies much plan- , sharing, and personal adjustment. family fun means proper standards onduct, planned activities, love, and even sacrifice. Happiness is a by-product of sharing, serving, and giving. Why is this true? Work out a family time budget, including such aspects as play, service for others, and personal interests. What is the cost of "doing things together"? Why is it wisely said, "The family that plays together stays together"? Is it possible to be too busy "being Christian" outside the home to be truly Christian within the home? What do we regularly owe to our families? Work out a Christian definition of "fun," of "home," and of "love." What is a family's greatest asset?

Stewardship (two topics)

1. The Stewardship of Life

I Corinthians 16:1,2; II Corinthians 8:1-10; Exodus 20:8-11

All of life should be a stewardship for the Christian. The chief areas are time, talent, possessions, and influence. At least one tenth of the first three belong to God, and all of the last. List and study the specific elements in each area. How can each be dedicated and applied? How shared? Can any area be substituted for another or omitted? Assuredly, stewardship has a vital part in Christian growth. No growing life can be static; neither can it be self-centered. Work out a comprehensive definition of stewardship by interview method, either before or after this meeting. Then use your findings in discussion and practice. What part does stewardship have in spiritual growth? If we are but "trustees" of God's abundance, how can we best give thanks to Him?

2. A New Tenth Legion

Malachi 3:7-10; II Corinthians 8:11-21

The ancient Tenth Legion was a segment of the power of Caesar's armies. The Tenth Legion of Christian Endeavor represents greater power, consisting of dedicated tithers. Endless power is possible through faithful stewardship in all of man's possessions and abilities. One tenth of our income belongs to God. Present the claims of stewardship, reviewing the various areas. Describe the benefits of tithing and the techniques of its practice. Find how many are members of the Tenth Legion. Sign up new recruits for it. (Pledge cards are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.) "Tithing is not a way of making money, but God's way to make a man." Discuss thoroughly. How does one grow through faithful stewardship? How would it give today's church new power?

N CHRIST'S FELLOWSHIP

RICH BONHOEFFER, a twentieth-cen- Christian martyr at the age of 39, ched and wrote from deep wisdom. are his views on *community:*

Because of Jesus Christ, the indi- al needs others; this matter of be- ng and acting is one of community ellowship. The Saviour who brings ıe individual a realization of sin and brings also the Way of redemption: will endow the penitent soul with own righteousness, the Way into ıal life. But it is *others,* men and ıen like us, who convey God's mes- of grace and salvation to us. Day lay, fellowship with Christ's people s strengthen faith and ease discour- ıent and sorrows.

Christ is mediator and communica- ɔetween God and man, but also be- en man and man. "He is our peace," Paul in Ephesians 2:14, a peace ng humans in place of discord, envy, selfishness. For the ego or self, king out for Number One," pursues a zigzag course between love and hate, between concern and indifference toward others, between self-sacrifice and the safeguarding of one's own possessions and prejudices. Whether it be within the home or in the working world or in society at large, it is in the Spirit of Christ that one most truly reaches out to share with his fellows, and they with him.

3. We are one with the Eternal Father because Christ has adopted us. As He became the man Jesus, so man in Christ belongs to Him in eternity. Read once more the assurances—and the painstaking instructions—of Romans 12. We of the Church, saved by His love and by our response to His love, are the Body of Christ, as Paul so often indicates (as in Ephesians 1:22; 4:12; 5:23; Colossians 3:15).

In Pastor Bonhoeffer's thinking, Christian brotherhood is not an ideal, but a divine reality. To him this fellowship, this faith, was something to live for, something to die for.

Like Paul, he could love the strong souls of the Christian fellowship and could draw courage and persistence from their strength. Also he could love the weak and faltering, whose difficulties are after all one of the best reasons for Christians to maintain the fellowship, the Church. There is some likeness here to the family — parents and children — in which the needs of the youngest and most helpless call out the best qualities and highest competence of those who gave them physical being and are preparing them to live and serve.

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(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together.* Harper & Brothers.)

What Do We Offer?

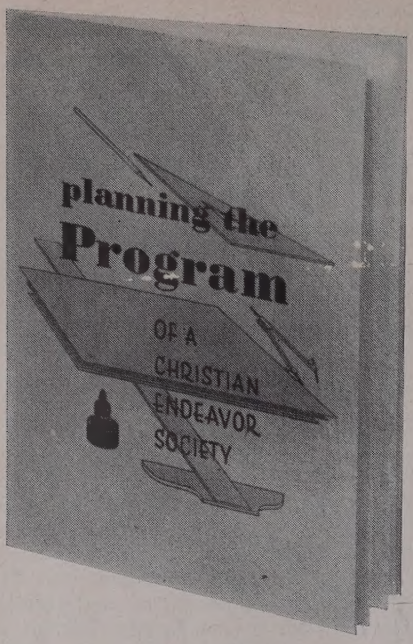
"We'd like you to join us in:

"Exchanging ideas about enriching Christian family life and bettering this community . . . singing and sharing together in worship . . . improving and adapting skills that we can devote to serving the church.

"In four days you will hear from us again, with more information."

This might be your group's first message to adults or young adults, including couples, whom you want to add to your fellowship.

Follow-up should be by personal call.



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